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Cease-fire takes effect in Beirut area Lebanese ministers released by Druse

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

The three members of the Lebanese cabinet abducted by Druse militiamen on Wednesday were released yesterday as a cease-fire went into effect following the pounding of the Beirut airport for the second day running and a Druse attack on a Lebanese army position in the mountains.

According to reports from Damascus, the Druse attached several stiff conditions to the release of the ministers and the cessation of their shelling of the airport.

The three ministers were turned over to the Israel Defence Forces, which occupy the central mountain region, after nearly two hours of negotiations at the sprawling stone castle of Druse leader Walid Jumblatt. They had been abducted while negotiating nearby for an end to the Druse shelling that began on Wednesday, killing at least 12 people and wounding 30.

There were no casualties in the shelling of the airport area yesterday, according to police reports. But the Lebanese army announced that two of its soldiers were killed and eight wounded in the battle with Druse militiamen near the mountain town of Kafr Matta, 16 kilometres south of the capital.

Fighting died down as the cease-fire took hold during the afternoon. Jumblatt's Socialist Progressive Party issued a statement in Damascus, where the Druse leader is staying, listing 10 demands. They include the resignation of the Wazan cabinet on grounds it was incompetent to run the country any longer, and a declaration that the army would not be sent to the central mountains before "an agreement with us" is reached.

In a telephone interview with the AP in Damascus, Jumblatt said the 10 demands were "meant to be an introduction to a suitable national atmosphere that will lead to



Deputy Prime Minister David Levy chats with Tat-Ahuf (res.) Yehuda Halevy last night at an Israel Bonds dinner in Jerusalem. (Story — Page 2.) (Rahumim Israeli)

McFarlane tells Begin and Shamir: Beirut won't accept IDF redeployment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Lebanon refuses to accept Israel's redeployment plans, while Syria is not softening its stance on keeping its forces in Lebanon. These were among the conclusions emerging from the talks held yesterday by U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane with Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in Jerusalem.

McFarlane's talks in Jerusalem and Beirut yesterday, as are those being held today, were aimed at finding a formula that will persuade the Lebanese that the Israeli redeployment is not, in fact, the first stage in a *de facto* division of Lebanon.

Meeting yesterday morning with U.S. Senator Robert Kasten (Republican, Wisconsin) Begin said that Lebanon President Amin Jemayel had made no move to ratify the agreement signed by Israel and Lebanon earlier this year, because he was afraid of Syria.

"Our situation in Lebanon is serious," Begin told the visiting senator. "The Syrians are adamant in their stand not to pull their troops out of Lebanon. But, despite our losses, we are not losing hope."

Officials in Jerusalem were not surprised by McFarlane's report of Syrian President Hafez Assad's unwillingness to discuss withdrawing his troops. They indicated that McFarlane himself seemed less optimistic than before about the possibility of changing the Syrian position.

But political sources in the

Defence cutback could frustrate IDF planning

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

If the defence budget is slashed by 15 per cent, or anywhere near that figure, the military will have to rethink Israel's long-term defence needs, knowledgeable sources said in Tel Aviv yesterday.

(On the eve of today's special cabinet meeting on the proposed cuts in the defence budget, Defence Minister Moshe Arens warned that cuts would require reducing the size of the Israel Defence Forces. "The choice before us," he said, "is a better life or life itself and the IDF is life itself." Arens was speaking at a festive assembly in Tel Aviv celebrating Engineering Corps Day.)

The \$20 million cut the treasury is seeking will mean the total suspension of all projects lined up for fiscal 1983 that have not been completed or started, and the arbitrary reducing of the size of forces. The long-range implications, for short-term gain, would be extremely serious, *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

It is not a question of trimming or not trimming fat, but cutting the size of Israel's forces, and impairing the country's ability to remain at the forefront of developing military technology, the sources said.

The main objection to the Treasury's proposals is the time frame, *The Post* was told. It is impossible to slash 15 per cent from a budget whose major functions were dictated years ago, the sources said. The time lag between decision-making in major projects and implementation in the defence establishment can take as long as 10 years, and it is unfeasible to stop advanced projects meeting the army's defined needs for the next decade.

If the Treasury were to propose a 10 or 15 per cent cut over a period of two years, starting fiscal 1984, and the government were to sanction a different composition of Israel's armed forces, the ministry and general staff could approach the problem efficiently and plan for a different future.

No efficient planning is possible when asked to cut 15 per cent in mid-year on items far into the production pipeline with troops waiting for weapons, the sources said.

They noted that about 25 per cent of the defence budget is for salaries, and since reservists are already doing over 60 days a year, it is impractical to consider cutting the standing army.

Israel's deployment in Lebanon is costing around \$1 million a day — financed from the current budget — and the Defence Ministry's commitment to the Lavi fighter project is not negotiable as a separate item, the sources said.

The Lavi, *The Post* was told, is an integral component of Israel's overall defence plan for years to come and cannot be treated as if it is a separate issue that can be shelved or not at will. If the Lavi project is cancelled, these sources said, other aspects of the Israel Defence Forces such as its size, the size of the Air Force or the composition of other forces, will also have to be looked at.

Although over the short-term the situation in the Middle East seemed to be to Israel's advantage, from a military planning point of view, where only the long-term is considered, the situation is actually getting

Two soldiers buried yesterday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two soldiers were buried yesterday after being killed in Lebanon on Wednesday.

Tural (Private) Armond Peretz, 33, was buried in the military plot of the Nes Ziona cemetery not far from the grave of his nephew who was killed in the Yom Kippur war. Peretz was killed in artillery exchanges between Druse and Christians in the Beirut area, the Israel

Wanted terrorist shot dead in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A wanted Fatah terrorist was shot dead in eastern Lebanon yesterday after a chase by IDF troops.

The man, who is understood to have been a Druse resident of el-Khazir village, was recognised in the

Libyan-led rebels in Chad capture strategic oasis

N'DAMENA. — A massive Libyan-led attack on the strategic oasis of Faya-Largeau broke through government defences, and rebel forces captured the outpost following a fierce six-hour battle, western military sources reported.

The sources said all resistance by the 2,500 troops, virtually half the armed forces of President Hissene Habre, ceased at mid-day on Wednesday.

In Paris, an official with the Chadian Embassy said that Chad government forces had withdrawn from Faya-Largeau without suffering heavy casualties or material loss. He said the withdrawal "was carried out in small groups so as to limit losses due to bombardment by Libyan aviation, which had more than 50 planes in the air over the region."

At the same time, however, other Chad government troops recaptured the strongpoint of Oum

'Standard of living to revert to situation 18 months ago'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

When the government's austerity programme is translated into a series of regulations in the next few weeks, the result should be that Israel's standard of living will recede to what it was "a year or 18 months ago, which wasn't too low," Ya'acov Gadish, the Treasury's budget director, said yesterday.

Interviewed on Gali Zahal, Gadish said: "We all know how much our living standards have risen during the past few years — by many percentage points each year. All we aim for now is to knock it down a few points, to where it was a year or a year-and-a-half ago, which wasn't too low either. If we do not reduce our standard of living, we shall be missing the point of

NEWS ANALYSIS/Avi Temkin Playing the economy by ear

There is no certainty that the measures the Ministerial Economic Committee approved on Wednesday will be adopted by the cabinet on Sunday, or that there will not be a further devaluation in the coming weeks.

The reasons for this lack of clarity is that none of these steps was the result of careful planning, but rather the fruit of a political compromise between Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and some of his fellow ministers in the committee. The 7.5 per cent devaluation was imposed on Aridor by the public's run on the dollar.

The Treasury is not sure that the cabinet will approve the package recommended by the committee. Defence Minister Moshe Arens will lead a massive fight against a proposed \$20 billion cut in his ministry while Education Minister Zevulun Hammer will fight the cuts in extra-curricular school activities and in the universities' budget.

In addition, the Liberals are against imposing a 0.3 per cent tax on chequing accounts, as indicated yesterday by sources close to Industry Minister Gideon Patt, while the farming lobby is against levying a Value Added Tax on fruits and vegetables.

If any of the recommended items are rejected by the cabinet, the Treasury may press for alternative funds, for which new measures, i.e., new levies, could be adopted, despite Aridor's promise on Wednesday that no such measures would be introduced.

Among possible alternatives are subsidies to basic commodities. Even before the latest devaluation there was massive price support for such products as milk and milk

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Stock market leaps 5.52% in response to devaluation

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, in the wake of Wednesday's 7.2 per cent devaluation of the shekel vis-a-vis the dollar, responded by recording probably the sharpest one session advance so far this year.

The General Share Index, commercial banks excepted, surged ahead by no less than 5.52 per cent.

A full 402 individual securities advanced by margins of 5 per cent or more, and only three out of all securities traded yesterday showed a loss in price.

Turnover was more than double that recorded three days ago and totalled \$1.6 billion.

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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's High/Low	Yesterday's Max	Yesterday's Min
Jerusalem	43/25	44	25
Golan	46/18	46	18
Nahariya	41/19	41	19
Safed	40/15	40	15
Haifa Port	37/13	37	13
Tiberias	34/11	34	11
Nazareth	45/18	45	18
Afula	46/18	46	18
Shomron	47/18	47	18
Tel Aviv	41/21	41	21
B-G Airport	44/21	44	21
Jericho	32/19	32	19
Gaza	31/21	31	21
Beer Sheva	29/16	29	16
Eilat	20/25	20	25

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Ambassador of Norway and Mrs. Knut Aars yesterday gave a farewell reception at their Herzliya residence for second secretary Anne Lund-Larsen and press and cultural affairs counsellor Paul Engstad.

Begin eulogizes Sheskin

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday eulogized Miron Sheskin, a former fellow-prisoner of the Russians in Vilna, at his funeral service at Sanhedria, Jerusalem, prior to burial on the Mount of Olives. (Obituary, page 3)

Netanya names twelve Distinguished Citizens

NETANYA (Iltim). — The Netanya city council on Wednesday decided to award 12 longtime residents of the city the title Distinguished Citizen. They are Shlomo Emai, Galia Zimra, Dov Zamir, Arnold Silman, Dr. Yehuda Posner, Adina Fixler, Avraham Professorek, Ya'acov Korgold, Dov Rubinstein, Aryeh Reichman and Yehuda Shafir.

4,000 towels stolen from Eilat hotel

EILAT (Iltim). — Four thousand towels worth \$24,000 have been stolen from the Laguna Hotel here since it was opened to the public eight months ago, hotel manager Rofolfo Cohen told Iltim yesterday. Thousands of cups and ashtrays have also been lifted, he said. Stealing from hotels has apparently become the national sport, Cohen said.

DEFENCE CUTS

(Continued from Page One) ting worse, these sources claimed. Although Israel has a peace treaty with Egypt, the Egyptian army is becoming more modernized and long-term planning had to take that change into account. While the Iraq-Iran war was also to Israel's short-term advantage, Iraq would be coming out of the war with a larger, better-trained and better-equipped army, with many years of battle experience, the sources said. Here too, the long-term trend was to Israel's disadvantage. The Post was told.

Defence officials have been reticent to respond to questions on their budgetary argument with the Treasury. They are apparently under instructions not to repeat the experience of 1981 when the debate between the two ministries was carried out by well-placed leaks to the media.

All that the defence sources were prepared to say for the record was that intensive negotiations were currently going on, and that they were confident that a solution would be found. They have also made it clear that they consider the Treasury's proposal totally unrealistic, and that they intend to fight it all the way.

RAILWAY AGREEMENT. — Saudi Arabia signed an agreement yesterday to provide a loan of \$30 million to help India build a cargo railway line.

HOME NEWS

Shultz's new assistant, Murphy, due here soon

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Richard Murphy, the incoming assistant secretary of state for the Middle East, will visit Israel later this month on his return to the U.S. from Saudi Arabia, where he is winding up his tour as U.S. ambassador.

This was disclosed yesterday by Secretary of State George Shultz, during a 90-minute closed-door session with a delegation from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Murphy, who was also expected to visit Egypt and Jordan. A specialist on the Arab world, he is replacing Nicholas Veliotis, who has been named ambassador to Egypt.

State Department officials yesterday confirmed that former Middle East special envoy Morris Draper will be named ambassador to Tunisia, replacing Walter Cutler, who will be going to the embassy in Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, Brandon Grove, the U.S. consul-general in Jerusalem,

will become ambassador to Kuwait, U.S. officials said. He has been replaced by Wat Cluverius, a career Middle East specialist, who earlier served at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv and later as ambassador in Bahrain. Cluverius was a deputy to autonomy negotiators Sol Linowitz and Richard Fairbanks.

Julius Berman, the chairman of the presidents conference, emerged from the meeting with Shultz, clearly pleased by what he had heard. Berman said the major portion of the discussion focused on Lebanon and the "cold peace" between Israel and Egypt.

According to sources present, Shultz expressed irritation over Egypt's continued refusal to return its ambassador to Israel. The secretary promised to intensify U.S. efforts to win a changed Egyptian policy.

Regarding Lebanon, Shultz insisted that the U.S. had not given up on securing a Syrian withdrawal — although he was not optimistic that there would be early progress.

Labour wants special Knesset session on economic crisis

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party said yesterday it will demand a special Knesset session to discuss the nation's economic crisis. It criticized the government for planning to cut expenditures on important items and not cutting allocations for unnecessary ones.

Criticizing the government's intentions to cut expenditures on education, and to cut back payments to pensioners, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday said the government could save \$130 billion by pulling out of Lebanon, and another \$25b. could be saved annually by stopping work on infrastructure construction in the West Bank.

Peres was speaking at a meeting

of the party's leadership bureau. Yitzhak Rabin, addressing the party forum, also advocated an early withdrawal from Lebanon.

Some party members at the meeting called for the resignation of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. MK Haim Ramon said that Aridor, who had championed the policy of spending money to create a false sense of prosperity must accept the political consequences of the failure of that policy.

Commenting on the plight of the country's farmers, Peres said "I don't know of even one government in the world which is so indifferent to agriculture." He suggested that about \$100 million of the \$600m. raised by the United Jewish Appeal be directed to save the farmers.

(Blumenthal — page 3)

Levy: Egypt has veered from course of true peace

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Egypt has veered from the course of true peace and should reconsider its present position vis-a-vis the Israeli involvement in Lebanon, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said last night.

In an address before an Israel Bonds dinner at the Jerusalem Hilton, Levy declared: "It is no secret that we are disappointed with the way our peace agreement with Egypt has been developing. We had hoped for normalization of relations and friendly cooperation, after 30 years of war and hatred."

"Not only have we not got these,

but today we hear strange voices coming out of Cairo accusing Israel of malfeasance in Lebanon, and justifying Syria's refusal to withdraw her forces from there."

In the final few minutes of his speech, Levy departed from his text and startled his audience with the following: "Let me tell you something in the manner we call degree (extreme frankness). You are welcome here, and we appreciate the financial assistance you render. But you must realize that, in terms of Israel's overall economy, your contribution is minimal. You are really helping Israel so that you yourselves, in your home countries, can stand taller and with pride."

Moscow has lost right to decide in Mideast

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HERZLIYA. — The Soviet Union wants to have a hand in solving the problems of Lebanon and, objectively speaking, there is justice to this demand, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir last night told a Likud meeting here. But by cutting off relations with Israel and working against her in the international

arena, the Soviet Union has lost its natural right to be a partner to decisions made in this region, Shamir added.

On the other hand, the foreign minister said, the U.S. enjoys the confidence of all the parties to the dispute in Lebanon. But we have not lost hope that the Soviets will change their policy towards Israel, Shamir said.

McFARLANE

(Continued from Page One) capital said that the American envoy would nonetheless persist in his mission and that the U.S. would continue in its efforts to effect a withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

While Washington fully understands that Israel has no choice but to redeploy, it is also clear why the Lebanese are trying to prevent this. Thus, the central issue is the McFarlane-Shamir talks was the need to find an accommodation between the Christians and the Druse in the Shouf mountains and other areas that the IDF will be quitting as it redeploy.

Both Begin and Shamir emphasized in their discussions with the American envoy that Israel was firm in its determination to redeploy.

Shamir said that if Lebanon wants a formula to ensure that the Israeli redeployment does not result

in the partition of Lebanon, it should propose such a formula. Israel would consider any such proposal from Beirut.

Officials in Jerusalem apparently feel that the impossibility of budging the Syrians is finally beginning to sink home with the Americans.

Political observers noted that the Lebanese objection to the IDF's redeployment is easy to understand, given Damascus' position. As long as the objective is the removal of all foreign troops, and as long as Syria refuses to discuss a withdrawal, it is clear to the Lebanese that the redeployment will effectively divide their country.

The other possibility — that Washington and Jerusalem will relent with regard to the removal of the Syrian army from Lebanon — is not being discussed and Israeli spokesmen insist that it is unrealistic.

LEBANESE

(Continued from Page One) national reconciliation" in Lebanon.

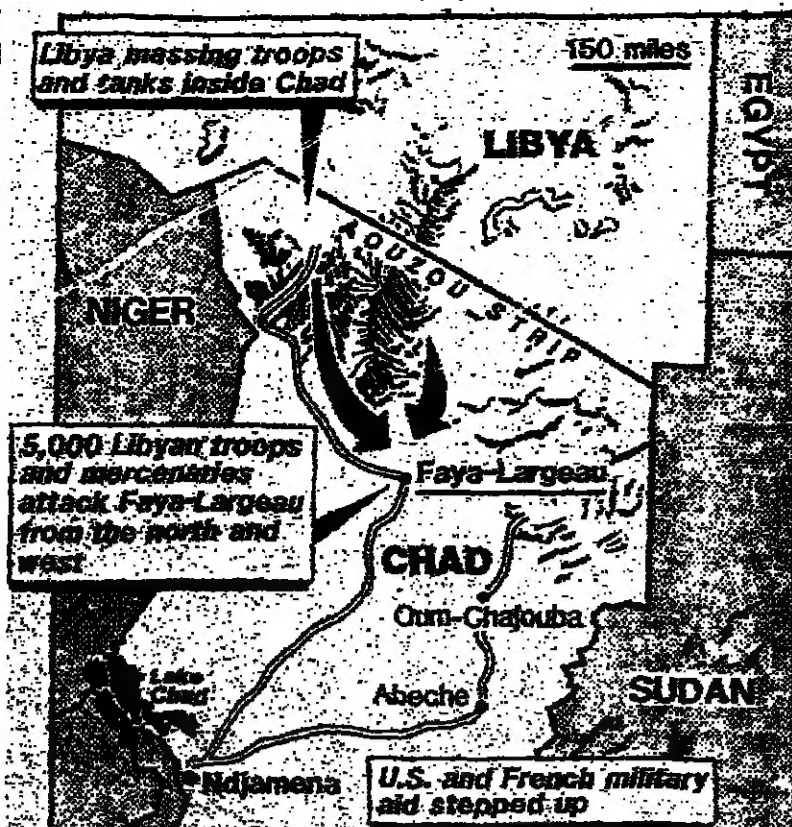
He added that the demands "were to stop the airport bombardment" and "not for the release of the ministers."

The Druse leader also said that in the two days of airport bombardment, "we are not aiming at anyone... we want to add pressure upon the government" to consider our demands and answer them.

The three were taken on Wednesday night as they emerged from the home of Mohammed Abu Shakra, spiritual leader at Baadran, about two kilometers from here.

IDF sources said last night that Israel had offered its help in negotiating the release of the three ministers, but that these services had been turned down. "As in the past, we have mediated between Christian and Druse and will continue to do so, but this time they negotiated directly," a military source said. This contradicted news agency reports from Beirut that the release had been secured by the IDF.

The airport had just reopened yesterday morning, after being closed by intermittent day-long shelling on Wednesday.



Libyan-backed Chadian rebels took the strategic oasis of Faya-Largeau yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Liberals nominate Grupper for agriculture portfolio

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party's central committee yesterday nominated Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper as its candidate for minister to replace the late Simha Ehrlich.

The nomination will come before the cabinet on Sunday but Grupper will not become a full minister before the Knesset approves his appointment. The Knesset is now in summer recess.

Grupper was unopposed and his appointment is certain since he is taking a cabinet seat reserved for the Liberal Party. After the nomination, Grupper told reporters that one of his first tasks will be to fight the proposal to impose Value Added Tax on fruits and vegetables.

In addition, grass roots opposition emerged among central committee members to proposed taxation and cuts in children and other allowances.

Speakers demanded the committee instruct its ministers and Knesset members to vote nay — some said abstain — when the matter comes to a vote.

Former MK Moshe Meron said that the proposals should be replaced by selling assets such as Shekem. "One could do a lot with the money the stores would fetch," he said.

Sigalit Priel complained she was helping finance hundreds of thousands of clerks. "I'm fed up with subsidizing them. Let the government cut its budget. We, as citizens, have nothing more to give," she added.

PLAYING THE ECONOMY

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stead. On the eve of Sunday's cabinet meeting, it is not clear what part taxes will have in the package and what will be a real budget cut.

The rate of devaluation in the next few weeks depends on two factors. One is the public's behaviour, which will depend largely on the Treasury's credibility, and the other is Aridor's capacity to oppose pressure to implement an additional hike in the exchange rate.

Senior economic officials, who feel that the shekel is still overvalued against European currencies, may press for a further devaluation of about 5 per cent.

In fact, in the weeks preceding Wednesday's announcement, the Treasury's leading team was divided on this issue. Director-General Ezra Sadan and budgets division director Ya'acov Gadish favoured a devaluation, while Aridor and Bank of Israel deputy governor Yakir Plesner were opposed.

Then, when the run on foreign currency began, Aridor's position weakened, and he eventually had to yield to Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum's demand for an immediate devaluation.

If the public continues to buy dollars, the economic leadership may again find itself forced to devalue the currency.

But the signs in financial markets were that the public is beginning to return to assets denominated in foreign currency, with large purchase orders in the Stock Exchange, probably financed by windfall gains from the devaluation. On the other hand, there were also reports of a large demand for foreign currency.

At this point, developments in international markets will make a difference. The Bank of Israel believed on Wednesday that the dollar had reached its maximum against European currencies. But yesterday, the dollar rose higher than ever against the German mark and the French franc.

Should this trend continue, and this is likely in the light of monetary developments in the ECU, local investors may be expected to buy dollars again.

The cabinet discussion on Sunday on the proposed cut in the defence budget may well cause a sharp division among the ministers.

Up to now, the official position of finance ministers has been that whoever a budget cut was decided on, the Treasury would determine its extent, while the Defence Ministry would decide how to implement the cut. The defence establishment always got around the slashes.

The Treasury leadership now wants to determine not only how much will be cut from the defence budget, but also to have a say in deciding what will be slashed and where.

Until now, the prime minister has sided with the Treasury in its battle against the Defence Ministry, but nobody close to Aridor is prepared to state whether this support will persist at the moment of truth.

The Treasury's determination to cut the defence budget stems from its feeling that only by so doing can government spending be effectively curbed. As the Treasury sees it, no security damage would result from a reduction in the size of the Israel Defence Forces.

Admission of Palestinians to U.S. studied

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz was yesterday reported to have recently ordered a study on the feasibility of bringing into the U.S. thousands of Palestinian refugees now living in Lebanon.

But State Department officials later in the day insisted that the study had been killed.

"We just took a look at it," one official said. "But the whole thing is dead now. It's not going anywhere."

The Middle East Policy Survey, a Washington newsletter, said the study had generated a great deal of controversy in the State Department because an initial draft had proposed admitting as many as 50,000 Palestinians next year.

"However," it said, "as a result of objections raised by various bureaus within the department, the number has been scaled down."

Shultz was said to have personally originated the study, apparently out of humanitarian concern over the plight of the Palestinians in

Lebanon. The Lebanese government of President Amin Jemayel has been rather blunt in making it clear that it would like to see many of the approximately 500,000 Palestinians leave.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens was reported by the newsletter to have proposed to U.S. officials, while he was still ambassador in Washington, "quiet emigration" of Palestinians from Lebanon.

Wind sweeps surfers to Egyptian shore

EILAT (Iltim). — Two young men who were surfing near Tabu on Wednesday, were swept by the wind to the Egyptian Sinai shore, where they were arrested and interrogated at Nuha.

An Egyptian liaison officer informed his Israeli counterpart of the arrest and the news was relayed to the IDF and police. It is expected that they will be released on the conclusion of their interrogation.

Our dear

EDITH GALOSH

passed away on Tuesday, August 9, 1983 after a prolonged illness. She bequeathed her body to science.

In deep sorrow,
The Family
Her friends and pupils

Firing of teachers could land Education Ministry in trouble

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Treasury's proposals for a deep cut in spending by the Education Ministry have run into a legal logjam that could cost the state more than it would save.

This emerges from an opinion prepared this week by the ministry's legal adviser, Arye Brick. He notes that "binding guidelines" now in force prohibit the ministry from dismissing teachers so close to the opening of a new school year.

"Laying off teaching staff at this time could have the most serious legal ramifications, including the obligation of the state to pay the dismissed teachers' salaries for a long time to come," Brick writes in his opinion.

According to the Treasury's proposals — due to be raised at the next cabinet meeting — approx-

imately 8,500 teachers would be fired as tens of thousands of hours of extra-curricular activities are dropped from school programmes.

Brick adds: "Guidelines binding this ministry's operations set May 31 as the last date on which a tenured or probationary teacher may be dismissed for administrative (or budgetary) reasons."

Firing a teacher for purely professional reasons must be initiated even earlier.

Lea Levavi adds: "Any additional cuts in budget allocations to universities will seriously damage Israel's higher education. Bar-Ilan University President Emanuel Rackman said yesterday would be unable to find positions in teaching or research assistants at the universities, and the jobs of non-tenured faculty would be threatened."

Farmers object to VAT on produce

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Tnuat Hamoshavim, the Farmers Union and Hapoel Hamizrachi's moshav union yesterday protested against the plan to impose Value Added Tax on fruits and vegetables. The proposal will come before the cabinet on Sunday.

The movements' leaders argued that farmers are in a bad enough financial state as it is — and should not be made to pay an additional 15 per cent. They maintained the producers will end up paying the

VAT because the price of fruits and vegetables is set by supply and demand.

In a cable to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who is acting agriculture minister, the heads of the agricultural movements said the imposition of VAT will also lead to the liquidation of fields in Jewish farms.

Moreover, farmers will circumvent the organized marketing system; their produce will not be registered and income tax will be less money, they said.

Bather on Herzliya beach said burned by acid wastes

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HERZLIYA. — At least one person has allegedly suffered burns from walking on the sands of the Apollonia beach near here, because of the dumping of toxic acid wastes from a defence establishment plant into the sea.

Municipal authorities warned bathers not to use the beach, north of the Apollonia ruins, both because of the pollution and the danger of rocksides.

Yehiam Hashimshoni, head of the municipality's environmental control division, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that one bather telephoned city hall to complain of burns after walking on the beach.

He said the municipality would test the water at least once a week to determine the pollution level caused by waste disposal from the

plant. Tests conducted earlier in the week showed the water was contaminated.

Contamination from the factory, which has been dumping waste into the sea for years, should have been stopped two months ago when the plant started using a specially constructed pit to carry the waste deep under the sea, he said.

But because of problems with the new system, it reverted to the practice of dumping, Hashimshoni pointed out.

"Even more dangerous than the pollution is the possibility of rocksides from the cliffs above," he warned. "The public should not use this beach." Attempts to isolate the beach have failed either because the waves have torn down the fences or because both fences and warning signs have been stolen or faded.

All other beaches on the Herzliya shore are unaffected, he said.

Commander of Sixth Fleet due for fortnight's visit

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, Vice-Admiral Edward Martin, is due here on August 25, with a flotilla of four of his ships for a 13-day stay. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

The ships are the USS Virginia, a guided missile cruiser; the guided missile frigate USS Jack Williams; the frigate USS Bowen, and the destroyer tender USS Puget Sound. Their complement of over 2,000 men will be guests of the Israel Navy during their stay.

Yesterday, a Sixth Fleet supply ship, the USS Concordia arrived here to procure fresh food supplies for ships of the fleet at sea.

Martin has a "busy schedule" prepared, a U.S. Embassy representative told The Post. It includes meetings with the chief of staff, the commander of the navy and government officials, as well as tours of military bases.

The visit will be the largest in Israel by Sixth Fleet ships for several years. The fleet, also known as the Mediterranean Fleet, comprises about 45 ships, which are rotated for six months tours of duty and its official mission is to "guarantee peace in the Mediterranean." It is made up of task forces headed by aircraft carriers, and its ships are able to operate independently of land bases for extended periods.

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Village leagues draft rival covenant to PLO's

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of the West Bank village leagues have drafted their own Palestinian National Covenant, which calls for the recognition of Israel within recognized boundaries and adopts UN Security Council resolutions and the Camp David agreements as a basis for future negotiations.

At a meeting in Ramallah this week, Mustafa Dadein, chairman of the village league's roof organization, the Federation of Palestinian Leagues, circulated copies of a draft covenant to the chairman of the six village leagues now active in the West Bank.

The covenant is clearly intended to challenge the Palestine Liberation Organization's own covenant and uses the same terms, calling itself *al-Mithaq al-Watani al-Falastini la Salama* — The Palestinian National Covenant for Peace.

The 35 clauses in the covenant include a call for the recognition of "legitimate Palestinian rights" and the "recognition of the rights of all peoples, including the Israeli people, to live within recognized and legal borders."

The covenant does not specify the borders of the undefined Palestinian entity it calls for.

Other clauses call for direct negotiations with Israel; the holding of general elections in the West Bank and Gaza, to be supervised by neutral international observers; especially close ties with Jordan; the establishment of a strong police force — "to ensure internal law and order and the execution of judgements"; an independent judiciary; and a central bank.

Throughout the covenant, a central and decisive role is given to the Democratic Movement for Peace — *al-Harakat al-Demokratiyya la Salama*, which is the name of the proposed political party Dadein and the village leagues want to form.

According to the covenant, the Democratic

Movement for Peace "is obliged to lead the residents of the West Bank politically, economically and socially in all situations where representation is required even at the stage of fateful decisions."

The covenant specifically addresses itself only to residents of the West Bank and Gaza and ignores the Palestinian refugees, the main constituency of the PLO. However, the right of family reunification in the future national home is recognized.

The draft covenant is to be adopted by a committee of the Democratic Movement for Peace after it has been studied during the next month by the chairmen of the various leagues.

Dadein and the appointed chairman of the Hebron village league, Jamil Amla, are due to leave for the U.S. next week to attend a meeting of a veterans' organization in Georgia.

The regulations of each village league specifically bar any political activity, limiting their functions to local government. The proposed regulations of the Federation of Palestinian Leagues provide for political activity, but these have not yet been approved by the Israeli authorities, who have been considering them for almost a year.

The new Defence Ministry coordinator of activities in the territories, Tat-Aluf (Res.) Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who returned from abroad two days ago, is known to be extremely sceptical of the village leagues. It is thought unlikely that he will approve the federation's proposed regulations and role in political life in the West Bank. Members of the leagues argue that under Jordanian law they are free to act three months after submitting the regulations of their organization.

Meanwhile, the Israeli civil administration in the area has changed the law governing the appointment of the village leagues, fearing that a petition brought before the High Court of

Justice in Jerusalem would force them to remove Amla.

Amla was appointed earlier this year to replace Mohammed Nasser, a local electrical engineer, who had been elected to replace Dadein when he left to form the federation. Nasser had angered Dadein and the Israeli authorities by independently forming his own political party based on the village leagues, which he also called the Democratic Movement for Peace.

In a petition he brought to the court, Nasser argued that his dismissal by the Israeli civil administration and the subsequent appointment of Amla — a successful businessman with close Israeli ties — was illegal.

According to Nasser's advocate, Ze'ev Weil of Jerusalem, the day before his client's case was to be heard by the court on July 26, Nasser's phone became inoperative and remains so until today. The same day, the civil administration also changed the law governing the village leagues, allowing the Israeli staff officer for interior affairs to appoint a council of three village heads if he concluded that the league was not functioning. At the same time, the staff officer signed the order appointing Amla as the head of the appointed council or league.

A spokesman for the civil administration admitted that all the sudden changes had been prompted by Nasser's petition to the court and added that they were not sure whether their new moves would also withstand judicial review if challenged.

Weil has said that he first intends questioning the sudden change in the legal situation, "which is tantamount to retroactive legislation," with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir. If that is not satisfactory he will challenge the civil administration's "lack of good faith" in court.



Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy (right) stands on a tank talking to soldiers during his visit to the Golan Heights on Wednesday. (IDF)

Weitz blames moshavim crisis on Likud

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Pouring money into struggling moshavim without checking whether the money is well spent may only make the situation worse, Ra'anan Weitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency settlement department, warned at a press conference here yesterday.

He blamed the crisis in the moshavim on the Likud regime which is diverting 80 per cent of the country's development budget to Judea and Samaria.

"Money from the development budget should be used to harness modern technology so that the farmer can work without hired labour. That is what they did in Holland, where they do not have our political problems," Weitz said. "We, who have all the more reason

to do it, cannot do so because the money is going to Judea and Samaria, where employment will be in services rather than in production, adding to the economic slump on the country's back," he warned.

Weitz said the government's monetary policies have hurt all productive sectors, particularly production for export but more so agriculture where the added value on foreign currency is the highest. Some moshavim may try to solve their problems by giving up those branches of agriculture producing for export, and concentrating on growing what the local market will buy. This would lead to surpluses and could destroy our agriculture completely, Weitz warned.

He said planning and control in agriculture have lost their effectiveness because government

ministries are fighting among themselves instead of coordinating their efforts. A year ago, anticipating the current crisis, Weitz said he sent a memorandum to the responsible ministries with detailed proposals for dealing with the problem. But nothing was ever done about it because of bickering over who had the responsibility to act, he said.

He was particularly upset about efforts to tie the moshav crisis to cultural origins. There is no gap between Ashkenazim and Sephardim in moshavim, he said, because a concerted effort was made to close the gap. The current crisis affects "Ashkenazi moshavim" as much as moshavim whose members come from Asia and Africa, he said. "Someone is trying to walk through our wheat fields with a torch," he shouted. "We cannot let it happen."

More \$ sellers than buyers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The sellers of dollars definitely outnumbered the buyers yesterday, according to one large bank, while a smaller one reported "everything quiet; there is little buying and little selling. The public is waiting to see which way the market moves before taking any steps. Early next week we expect to see a trend develop."

But an official at the large bank reported "heavy selling, running into several hefty millions of dollars." However, he believed that most of the selling was not by speculators, but by businessmen, especially exporters with foreign currency income. "For the past few weeks, as the dollar increased in value faster than the index, they

kept holding their dollars back, for each day meant that they would make a bit more money to pay their workers in shekels. After the devaluation, of course, they rushed to get rid of their dollars, and to pay off their shekel debts."

Yesterday's dollar buyers, on the whole, were not believed to be speculators, but rather Israelis who had planned trips abroad. Asked who released the figures of how many dollars were bought or sold each day, spokesmen for three banks yesterday said they had no idea. "If these figures are not released by the Bank of Israel, they are only educated guesses; and since it is hard to check such guesses, nobody goes to the trouble of issuing a denial," they agreed.

Soviet Jewry drops below 2 million

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Soviet Jewry is declining and now probably numbers fewer than 1,800,000. Apart from emigration, the main reason for the decline, according to an analysis of a recently published 1979 Soviet census data, is the dwindling size of the Soviet Jewish family. Inter-marriage is of lesser importance in the decline.

The analysis was carried out by Dr. Lukasz Hirsztowicz, senior research officer at the London-based Institute of Jewish Affairs. He has made a special study of the demographic condition of Soviet Jewry using material published by

the Soviet government in official statistical journals.

The contracting Jewish family, Hirsztowicz said, "reflects the ageing of the population, and the low reproduction rate."

He noted that 53 per cent of Jews in the Russian Soviet Socialist Republic, 69 per cent of those in the Ukraine and 71 per cent of the Jews in Byelorussia live in all-Jewish families.

The 1970 census reported well over two million Jews in the Soviet Union.

In the 1979 census, the figure dropped to just over 1,800,000. Today it is probably less, Hirsztowicz said.

Living standard has peaked, private businessmen believe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The standard of living has definitely peaked and will now start to decline. This was the belief of many members of the private business and banking community queried by telephone yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post*.

"If private consumption rose by 7.5 per cent in 1982, and if it was expected to rise by 5 per cent this year, our economists now believe that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's latest measures will cause it to fall," one person said. "The economists predict that by the end of the year, the total rise in private consumption — which is roughly parallel to the standard of living — will be only 2 per cent, perhaps zero per cent. Since private consumption has already risen by more than 2 or 3 per cent this year, if not much more, there will be a slow decline during the rest of the year," he said.

However, another person believed that the decline in the standard of living would be "anywhere between 5 and 10 per cent by the end of the year. But then, few persons will really suffer. Those whose standard of living rose so fast have already bought all the cars, colour TVs and videos they need. They have already been abroad or have made plans. So for them, a drop in standard of living will not be much of a difficulty," he said.

But another person queried said that in the long run, Aridor's moves — which will make prices higher

and also reduce the amount of money through taxation — will lead to a "minor sort of a recession."

The worst hit would be the self-employed who provide marginal services, replied still another. Next would be workers in small plants finding it hard to cope with the new situation. "The luxury restaurants, which do not make a living off expense accounts, will also face hard times," he said.

Aridor is only skimming off the cream," another said. "There will be plenty of healthy non-fastening milk left. Nobody is going to suffer," he said.

Still another thought the decline in the standard of living would continue until 1985 — or shortly before national elections — when the country would again be flooded with money.

However, there was one group benefitting from the devaluation — those receiving reparations from West Germany and pensioners receiving cheques from the U.S.

Court dismisses Shiff's complaint

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The High Court of Justice yesterday dismissed hotelier Haim Shiff's case against the Tel Aviv municipality for tearing down an illegal structure on his building site last June.

Shiff had obtained an order nisi obliging city hall to show cause why it should not allow the structure to be rebuilt. He was also seeking compensation for the destruction of the cement-block shed which had housed a construction elevator.

The municipality razed the structure because Shiff failed to comply with a municipality request and take measures to ensure public safety. The permit for it had expired and had not been renewed.

In responding to Shiff's claim, the municipality pointed out that Shiff had not fulfilled any of the conditions necessary for renewal of the permit.

The court, headed by Justice Shlomo Levin, ruled that Shiff should apply for a new permit. The fate of the tower itself, which rises above the Shekem department store on Rehov Ibn Gabirol, is still in doubt. Shiff originally obtained a permit to build a hotel, then decided to put up an office building. But since he has not fulfilled city hall's conditions for the office block permit he cannot complete its construction.

NIGHT WORK. — The Pri Tzava factory in Rehovot is forbidden from working after 10 p.m., the Tel Aviv District Court ruled on Wednesday. The factory is located in a residential quarter.

'Field Marshal' Sheskin buried in Jerusalem

Former Revisionist leader Dr. Miron Sheskin who died in Jerusalem on Wednesday and was buried at the Mount of Olives cemetery yesterday settled in Jerusalem after a lifetime of experiences and public assignments for Jewish and Israeli institutions abroad.

The son of a prominent local Zionist leader, he was born in 1901 in Olikienki, a small town near Vilna. Theodor Herzl, Vladimir Jabotinsky and other prominent Zionists used to stay at the Sheskis' home either in Vilna or at Petersburg where the family later moved. Sheskin saw Lenin arrive at Petersburg on April 3, 1917, a turning point in the history of the Russian Revolution. However, he refused to join his socialist and communist friends and remained faithful to the Zionist cause. He subsequently took part in the

first All-Russia Zionist Conference. Soon afterwards, when the GPU (KGB predecessor) terror began, he fled the country.

Sheskin graduated from Berlin's famous Technische Hochschule, where Albert Einstein was one of his instructors. He continued his studies at Columbia University, where he met friends of the president of Honduras and secured for himself a Honduran passport.

When the Nazis came to power his connections enabled him to help Jews flee Germany on Honduran passports. His friend, Dr. Azriel Carlebach, the late editor of *Ma'ariv*, left Germany on one of Sheskin's passports.

In 1928, Sheskin landed in Poland where he became the chairman of the Polish section of the Revisionist Party. In 1933 he organized the paramilitary Brit Hahayal, an international union of Jewish War Veterans, leading David Ben-Gurion to later call him "Field Marshal Sheskin."

In 1939, Sheskin escaped from German-occupied Poland to Vilna, where he was arrested for his Zionist activities by the Soviets on August 1, 1940. He was first placed in a cell with Menachem Begin, and later sentenced to eight years of hard labour.

Sheskin was freed in 1941 under the terms of Polish-Russian amnesty and joined General Anders' Polish army. He was promoted to the rank of major and served as Anders' Jewish affairs adviser; after his arrival in Tel Aviv in 1944 he functioned as a liaison officer between Anders and the Jewish yishuv.

On his release from the Polish army in 1946, Sheskin went to the U.S. and South America on an Irgun Zvai Leumi arms purchasing mission. Following the establishment of the State of Israel, Sheskin worked on fund-raising missions abroad for Israel Bonds and the Weizmann Institute.

In 1970, Sheskin came to live in Jerusalem where he wrote his Russian-language autobiography, *Long Is the Road to Jerusalem*. He is survived by his wife Rose, and a son Andrew and a daughter Susan, living in the U.S. (AZ)

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Shagari re-elected Nigeria's president

LAGOS (AP). — Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, a soft-spoken Moslem who wants closer economic ties with the West, was re-elected to a second four-year term by an overwhelming majority yesterday.

"It is a victory for all Nigerians. It is a victory for democracy," Shagari declared at mid-day news conference in Lagos, the capital.

"The success of democracy in Nigeria is the success of democracy in Africa," he told about 50 local and foreign reporters. "In a few years, our continent will enjoy freedom and democracy."

Shagari, a former schoolmaster and amateur poet, polled slightly more than 12 million votes — 47 per cent of the popular total in the six-candidate race — according to complete returns.

His closest rival, Chief Obafemi

Awolowo, 74, was a distant second with 7.83m. votes, or 30.8 per cent. Shagari, bespectacled and wearing the traditional flowing white robe of his countrymen, told reporters Nigeria would remain a non-aligned country.

But he added, "We have a lot of stake with the West. We are very much tied" to western democracies.

Saving the concerns of Africa would remain the cornerstone of Nigerian foreign policy, Shagari urged warring factions in neighbouring Chad to seek a negotiated settlement of their differences. "I don't believe any one leader in Chad can bring about peace," he said.

Without mentioning countries by name, Shagari called on Libya, along with the U.S. and France, to stop intervening in Chad's affairs.



Shehu Shagari

NEWS IN BRIEF

Authorities impose curfew in Santiago

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Chile's military authorities imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew and staged a show of force in Santiago yesterday at the start of a nation-wide day of protest against their rule.

A military communiqué declared a curfew from 6.30 p.m. to 5.30 a.m. in the capital, as truckloads of troops carrying machine guns and other automatic weapons backed paramilitary police patrolling the city.

9 Libyan students apprehended in Florida

MIAMI (AP). — Nine Libyan students have been apprehended by immigration officials in Florida because they are "detrimental to national security," the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said Wednesday.

The action, taken at the request of Secretary of State George Shultz, asked the INS not to renew student visas of Libyans or third parties "acting on behalf of Libyan entities" who are enrolled in aviation or nuclear studies.

British socialite found strangled in NY

NEW YORK (AP). — A London socialite and former wife of a 'Gibbey's gin' heir, found dead in a Manhattan hotel on Saturday, was allegedly killed by a man who leaped naked onto her balcony, struck her in the neck when she panicked, and calmly walked out of the hotel wearing her clothes, police said Wednesday.

Lawrence Foye, 21, a messenger for a printing firm, was charged with second-degree murder, robbery and burglary in connection with the death of Lenore Gibbey, detectives said on Wednesday.

Hundreds queue to see Christ image in Belfast

BELFAST (Reuters). — Hundreds of people are lining up at a house in a Roman Catholic area of Belfast to see and touch what its owner says is an apparition of Jesus Christ.

Brigid Fitzpatrick, 75, a widow who has lived in the house all her life, said the image of a bearded man's head first appeared on the brown tiles above her fireplace two years ago.

Word spread after a local faith healer saw it a few days ago and went into a trance. The tiny house has been overrun for two days by people touching, kissing and photographing the spot.

Iran rebels say they killed 100 guards

PARIS (Reuters). — Iranian guerrillas said yesterday they had killed more than 100 revolutionary guards in northwest Iran over the past 10 days.

A statement issued by the People's Mujahedin group in Paris said their underground radio, Voice of Mujahed, had announced that guerrilla attacks took place on four military bases and on main roads near the towns of Sar Dasht and Banah.

Among those killed was a man named only as Mirzali, whom the Mujahedin described as head of interrogation in the Mahabad region.

U.S. clergymen: God is alive in China

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A panel of U.S. clergymen said yesterday that public worship and religious training in China had been significantly stimulated by changes in the national constitution.

The four-member panel, which visited China last month, said several seminars and over 100 houses of worship had been added since a 1981 visit by the Ecumenical group.

"God is alive in China," Rev. Herbert Anderson, a Presbyterian minister from New York, said.

Raindrops falling on heads of Bahrainis

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Bahrain on Wednesday experienced its first August rainfall in 81 years, prompting the meteorological authority to issue an appeal to local inhabitants to report any drops of water falling on their heads.

What Bahrainis were experiencing were more like raindrops than rainfall. So much so that the English-language newspaper *Gulf Daily News* warned Bahrainis not to confuse the raindrops with water falling from the widespread airconditioners hooked to windows and balconies.

Soviet sub reported sunk in Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP). — A Soviet nuclear-powered submarine carrying a crew of 90 sank in the North Pacific in May, almost certainly with "substantial loss of life," CBS news said Wednesday night.

At the Pentagon, Defence Department spokesman Lt. Col. Tom Jones said, "We can neither confirm nor deny the story at this point."

PLO influence growing in Latin America, report states

WASHINGTON (JTA). — The influence and power of the Palestine Liberation Organization is growing rapidly in Latin America, according to a new study published here this week.

The study, prepared by the Heritage Foundation, the conservative Washington-based think tank, said that the growing involvement of the PLO with Latin American terror groups, has gained the PLO new grounds for operation and said the organization is close to establishing its new headquarters in Latin America.

"It would be a painful irony were the PLO to find an effective base of operations in Latin America at the very time it is unravelling at its home base," the study declared.

The study said Latin America has been a major PLO target since 1966. It also charged that the PLO was behind anti-Jewish actions in various Latin American countries,

among them the forced exile of the entire Jewish community in Nicaragua by the PLO-backed Sandinista regime.

The study pointed out that one of the sources of PLO power in Latin America is the fact that an estimated nine million to 15 million Latin Americans are of Arab extraction, as compared with the region's 600,000 to 700,000-strong Jewish population.

The study also pointed out that the PLO and Libya support and train terrorists in Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia; that the leader of El Salvador's Communist Party, Shafiq Halal, is the son of Palestinian emigrants and has close ties with the PLO; that in Brazil the PLO works through the Arab League office

"mainly to provoke anti-Semitic hostilities against Brazil's 160,000 Jews."

Hell under Seventh Avenue

NEW YORK (AP). — A 13-hour underground fire blazed out America's garment centre in New York during one of its busiest weeks, with multi-million-dollar losses expected before all power is restored by Monday.

The fire was sparked when a 68-year-old water main broke and shorted wires in a transformer vault in a subterranean substation.

Six hundred police officers guarded the 20-block area, deterring looters with street lights run by 62 mobile generators.

The power failure knocked out traffic lights, causing massive traffic snarls and closed large department

stores. It also played havoc with the garment district's "market week," when buyers from across the country come to New York to order winter and spring clothing lines.

Three hundred firefighters worked in 15-minute shifts to fight the maelstrom that raged 18 metres below the corner of 38th Street and Seventh Avenue.

"It was like the gates of hell down there," said firefighter Lt. Paul Revere, his face blackened by soot.

The heat from the fire, fuelled by 200,000 litres of oil used in the transformers, was so intense that it shot up an air shaft and started a fire on the roof of a 25-storey building.

Upper Volta coup leader attacked

ABIDJAN (Reuters). — Captain Thomas Sankara's hold on Upper Volta appeared tenuous yesterday, one week after a leftist coup brought him to power, after reliable reports said rightist soldiers had tried to stage a counter-coup.

Diplomatic sources in the Upper Volta capital of Ouagadougou said

unidentified men had carried out simultaneous attacks on the 34-year-old paratroop commander's residence and a radio station building on Tuesday night.

At the same time, other armed men tried to free two prominent moderate officers who had been placed under house arrest after opposing Sankara's coup last Thursday.

Suit against ex-Nazi

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Justice Department filed suit on Wednesday to revoke the citizenship of Anatoly Hrusitzky, who allegedly took part in Nazi war crimes during World War II.

A three-count complaint filed in Federal Court in Orlando, Florida, said Hrusitzky participated in the persecution and murder of unarmed Jews while he was a member of the police force in Nazi-occupied Cherny Ostrov in the Ukraine.

MEXICO CITY. — Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid will urge President Ronald Reagan to halt Washington's growing military involvement in Central America when the two leaders meet at a Mexican seaside resort on Sunday.

The Pentagon's plans to send 5,600 troops for maneuvers in Honduras have lent urgency to the talks, with Mexico expressing fears the exercises could trigger a war between Nicaragua and Honduras that could spread through Central America.

"Objectively, the most pressing problem the two countries face is a Honduran-Nicaraguan war, which they both want to avoid," a Mexican Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Mexico, the biggest non-communist financier of Nicaragua, objects to U.S. support for right-wing Nicaraguan rebels based in Honduras and the Pentagon's largest-ever U.S. land and sea maneuvers in Central America.

Sharp differences over Central America will dominate the discussions for the first time in a regular U.S.-Mexico summit, relegating

Shrine for Franco to be taken from nat'l heritage

MADRID (Reuters). — The future of fascist Spain's most spectacular monument to the dead of the 1936-39 civil war is being questioned by the first left-wing government since the dictatorship of General Francisco Franco.

The Valley of the Fallen (El Valle de los Caidos) is a vast, austere shrine built by Franco in the rocky foothills of the Guadarrama mountains, 58km north of Madrid.

A huge granite cross towers above a subterranean church crypt 264 metres long, built to hold the bodies of Spaniards who died fighting in the conflict which claimed some 800,000 victims. Franco, whose death in 1975 paved the way to democracy, is buried there.

The memorial was intended to reflect a new unity in Spain by laying Nationalist and Republican dead to rest side by side — "pardon under the pacifying arms of the cross" in the words of the dictator.

But it has never been a symbol of reconciliation for most Spaniards and the government is now questioning its usefulness and planning changes in the valley.

The crypt, in fact, holds very few Republican bodies. According to the National Heritage Council, responsible for the monument's maintenance, 35,000 Franco combatants are buried there and only 8,000 Republicans.

Officials said the valley would stop being part of the national heritage and would be placed under the administration of the Ministry of Culture, like any other state museum.

The monument attracts about 600,000 visitors a year but veteran Republicans who remember the circumstances under which it was built still resent it.

The civil war destroyed half a million homes, 75 per cent of the country's bridges and most of its railways. When the monument was completed in 1950, starving Spaniards were eating 61 per cent less meat than in 1935 and 43 per cent less wheat.

The 150-metre granite cross, vast expanses of marble walls and floors and a monastery are estimated to have cost one billion pesetas at the time, the equivalent of \$6.6m. today.

The extreme right still has emotional ties to the monument but one civil war veteran, whose brothers-in-law were forced to work on it, commented: "A 500-kilo-marble tomb was the best thing they could have built for Franco — at least he can't get out."

U.S.-Soviet accord possible—Genscher

NEPTUN, Rumania (Reuters). — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said yesterday an agreement was possible between the U.S. and the Soviet Union at their talks in Geneva on cutting medium-range nuclear weapons.

Genscher, on his second visit to Rumania in 10 weeks, discussed the stalled negotiations with President Nicolae Ceausescu in this Black Sea resort.

Mexico wants U.S. out of Central America

perennial bilateral immigration and trade disputes to a back seat, officials from both sides said.

Meanwhile, the American troops have started setting up the task force headquarters for the longest U.S. military maneuvers ever held in Central America. They will be joined by 6,000 Honduran soldiers.

The Soviet Union yesterday branded as "overt lawlessness and dangerous" the recent interrogation of a Soviet cargo ship bound for Nicaragua by U.S. naval vessels off the coast of Central America.

The official Soviet news agency said the ship was subjected to an "inadmissible and unacceptable interrogation," and said the government had formally protested the incident to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

Reagan had charged the cargo ship, the Alexander Ulyanov, was carrying Soviet arms to the leftist government of Nicaragua. The Soviet Union denied the charge.

In Guatemala City, Guatemala's new military ruler, General Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores, yesterday sacked Foreign Minister Eduardo Castillo Arriola and

Sports

Savouring memories and expectations

HELSINKI (Reuters). — The Finnish capital took a break from the World Athletics championships yesterday — the more energetic citizens turning to their own city marathon, the rest basking in sunshine and savouring four days of memorable competition and the prospect of more to come over the final three days of events.

A total of 4,000 Finns and 700 other enthusiasts from 30 countries chose the marathon. Thousands more were content to relive the exploits of Carl Lewis, Ed Moses, Jarmila Kratochvilova, Marlies Goehr and the rest in a more leisurely fashion.

Lewis, inviting comparison with the legendary Jesse Owens, shines most vividly in the memory having dazzled and delighted with his title sweep in the 100 metres, long jump and 4 x 100 relay. The 22-year-old Houston University student

entranced the packed olympic stadium on Wednesday night when he settled the long jump with a big

8.55 metre first leap and then anchored the U.S. sprint relay team to victory in 37.86 seconds which sliced 0.17 seconds from the six-year-old world record of another American quartet.

"We pulled together as a team. We all got together as athletes. Every event I was involved in there was either an American sweep or a world record, so I can't be more happy," Lewis purred contentedly.

Lewis, waving a U.S. flag from the victory rostrum, has put the emphasis strongly on patriotism and team work, but it is his individual brilliance — explosive speed and elastic stride — which has most exhilarated the fans.

While Lewis dazzled, Czechoslovakia's steely star Jarmila Kratochvilova commanded respect as she destroyed all rivals to capture the 400 and 800 metres. The 32-year-old Czech ran seven races in the first four days of the championships, crowning this display of singular endurance with a world record 47.99 seconds in the 400 metres final.

Today's events include the men's javelin, the 3000m steeplechase, the 50km walk, the women's shot, part of the decathlon and the heats of the men's 200m, 1,500m and 5,000m races.

Emotions run high—on and off court

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Tempers flared after a doubles match and Andrea Jaeger, ranked third in the world among women tennis players, could face disciplinary action when a violent incident took place in the locker room at a professional tennis tournament here on Wednesday night.

Jerry Diamond, executive director of the Women's Tennis Association, said Jaeger hit, pushed and knocked down Renee Blount in an argument after playing her in a doubles match. But Jaeger denied striking Blount. She told reporters that all she had done was to "nudge" Blount, who apparently lost her balance and fell.

Diamond said the players in the match, in which Jaeger and Paula Smith beat Blount and Camille Benjamin 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, had been arguing

over whether they deliberately aimed balls at each other. The Association's disciplinary committee will meet after the tournament to decide whether to take action against Jaeger, he said.

CLICKSTEIN OUT

On the men's circuit Israel's Shalom Clickstein bowed out of the \$450,000 Grand Prix event in Montreal. The Israeli champ was beaten in the second round by Sandy Mayer of the U.S. Mayer, ranked a dozen places above Clickstein on the computer listing, won through 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.

John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl all won their second round games comfortably but there was an upset for fifth-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden, beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Italy's Gianni Occhipinti.

Gower rides his luck in style

LONDON (AP). — New Zealand got off to a dream start but then dropped catches let England off the hook and they reached 279-5 at the end of the first day of the third cricket Test at Lord's yesterday. David Gower stroked a splendid 108, Chris Tavare notched up 51 and Mike Gatting celebrated his recall with an unbeaten 74.

Three dropped catches, all by the "luckless" Ian Botham, helped England along after Kiwi captain Geoff Howarth had won the toss

and sent them in. With the series delicately poised at 1-1, the tourists got off to a great start when South African-born Chris Smith, one of three newcomers in an inexperienced England team, was out first ball in the opening over of the day.

Smith, the country's leading run-getter, went half forward and half back to Healy and was beaten by movement off the pitch. Umpire Cussick ruled no ball; the ball was not in the line. Gower joined Tavare and their partnership of 149 in 200 minutes for the second wicket turned the match England's way.

Cards snap back onto winning trail

NEW YORK (AP). — Ozzie Smith's two-run single through a drawn-in infield in the top of the 13th inning and David Green's five runs batted in helped the St. Louis Cardinals snap an eight-game losing streak on Wednesday night with a 9-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs in National League Baseball action.

Joe Lefebvre's seventh-inning triple knocked in the breaking run and Steve Carlton struck out 10 to register his 24th career victory as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-2.

In the American League, Dave Righetti and George Frazier combined on a 10-hit and New York capitalized defensive laps by Toronto for a six-run fifth inning as the Yankees routed the Blue Jays 8-3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE leaders: St. Louis 9, Chicago 5, 13 innings; San Francisco 7, Atlanta 4; Montreal 5, New York 3; Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2; Cincinnati 9, Los Angeles 2; Houston 4, San Diego 3, 14 innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE results: Seattle 7, Oakland 4; Boston 4, Texas 2; Cleveland 4, Baltimore 3; Milwaukee 4, Kansas City 3; Minnesota 4, California 1; New York 5, Toronto 3.

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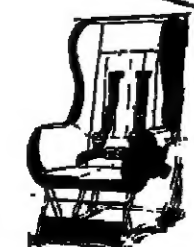
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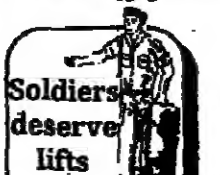
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Focus

THE CONTINUING persecution of the Baha'is in Iran evinces by its scope and intensity all the hallmarks of a new attempt at genocide, endangering both the physical and spiritual survival of the over 300,000 members of the religion in that country.

This is the opinion of the Baha'i World Centre, which is located on the slopes of Mt. Carmel in Haifa.

The difference between this new "final solution" and that of the Jewish question by the Nazis just 40 years ago is that this time, the free world cannot claim ignorance.

Under the prompting of the assassinated two million Baha'is, organized in national assemblies in over 100 countries, the free press has been alarmed and the western democracies have stood up to protest, all the way from Presidents Reagan and Mitterrand to parliaments and such international bodies as Amnesty.

Last month, the European Parliament called for an end to the persecution and condemned acts "which are the product of unspeakable fanaticism." On July 21, a delegation representing the European Economic Community plus Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, Australia and New Zealand, led by the Greek ambassador, made a *demarche* on the subject to the Iranian foreign minister in Teheran. Resolutions condemning the violation of basic human rights have been adopted by the parliaments of Canada, Australia, West Germany, Britain, Spain, Switzerland, Fiji and the United States.

The Baha'is believe that this focusing of world public opinion on the persecution has slowed down the attempted genocide. Moreover, says Donald Barrett, the World Centre's spokesman, unlike the Jews, threatened by Hitler, who were refused refuge by the free world, the Baha'is of Iran would find open gates if the Khomeini regime allowed them to leave. But in fact, they are being held as helpless hostages.

WE HAVE all the evidence that the fanatical regime is carrying out an organized campaign of extermination of Baha'is and the Baha'is, he told *The Jerusalem Post*. It follows the all-too-familiar pattern, starting with the killing off of the leadership, then economic strangulation and intimidation of

the masses.

"They are well into the first two stages," he said, "with the leadership killed, kidnapped and disappeared without trace, and economic strangulation through the confiscation of businesses, property and bank accounts, dismissals, and the invalidation of professional proficiency certificates. And they have started the third stage, intimidation of the rank and file, who live mainly in the villages. We have evidence of the whole Baha'i population of villages being driven out and kept in the blazing sun for three days without food and water, and then being driven into the forests." Clearly some of their Moslem neighbours exploited the opportunity to enrich themselves with their property.

If there were any doubts about the regime's intention, they were dispelled by a statement by the judge of the Islamic Revolutionary Court in Shiraz who, as reported by the Iranian press, condemned to death 23 of 80 Baha'is accused, but in order to terrorize them all did not name which of them were to be hanged.



Inayatu'llah Ishraqi, hanged in Shiraz on June 16, with his wife, Izzat, and daughter, Roya, who were hanged on June 18.

Terror in Shiraz



Zarrin Muqimi, hanged in Shiraz on June 18.

The Jerusalem Post's Ya'acov Friedler reports on the plight of the Baha'i minority under the Khomeini regime.



Shahin Dalvand, hanged in Shiraz on June 18.

TWENTY-TWO of the prisoners, including 10 women aged from 18 to 54, were hanged in Shiraz during the nights of June 16 and 18, making it quite clear that the regime means what it says about the Baha'is, as Hitler meant what he said about the Jews.

The barbaric executions included a family of three: Inayatu'llah Ishraqi, a 60-year-old retired oil company official, his wife Izzat, 50, and their daughter Roya, in her early twenties. One of the victims on June 18, Nusrat Yalda, 54, was the mother of a 23-year-old student, Bahram, who had been hanged two nights earlier. Another was Tahiri Arjmandi Siyavush, 32, the wife of a 39-year-old merchant, Jamshid, who had been hanged with the first group. (Since the regime does not recognize Baha'i marriage certificates, wives are automatically designated "prostitutes," itself a capital charge under the mullahs.)

The hangings were carried out despite widespread appeals from world leaders, and when they became known, the World Centre broke its silence on the situation in Iran for the first time, by means of a condemnation in *The Jerusalem Post* on June 22. Until then, the Centre

had declined any comment, hoping to help the Baha'is of Iran by not giving any possible justification for the trumped-up charges of "Zionism" and "spying for Israel," routinely levelled against accused Baha'is, along with charges of spying for the U.S. and "corruption on earth" and similar general accusations.

Condemned Baha'is are offered their life and their freedom if they

agree to sign statements recanting their faith and becoming Moslem. So far only a handful have done so, the vast majority preferring to die for their faith. Many of them have said their last prayer turning in the direction of Acre and Haifa, where the holiest Baha'i shrines, the tombs of Baha'u'llah, the Persian founder of the religion, and of the Bab, his Persian herald, are located. The Baha'is who were hanged in Shiraz

were given four opportunities to recant, and were warned that the fourth refusal would seal their fate. None did so.

THE JUNE hangings convinced the Baha'is that no further purpose would be served by the continued silence of the World Centre.

This raises the question of Israel's stand on an issue that is all too familiar to Jews. The fanatical

Moslem clergy in Iran falsely accused the Baha'is of being Zionists because the Baha'i World Centre is located in Israel. It is therefore understandable that they have not appealed to the government of Israel, as they have done to those of the democracies through their official observers at the UN. However, this does not relieve the government of Israel of the responsibility of assisting the Baha'is in every way it can. Israel more than any other nation should have sympathy with their plight.

This country has been the Baha'is' Holy Land since the Baha'u'llah was exiled to Acre more than a century ago and the body of the Bab, who was executed by firing squad in Shiraz, was brought here for burial on Mt. Carmel. Recently, the magnificent new seat on the Carmel of the Universal House of Justice, the supreme administrative body of the religion, was completed. Proof that an Iranian Baha'i here had donated to the building fund was enough for the mullahs to condemn them.

THE BAHAI writings contain the following extracts from the work of Abdul Baha, who succeeded the Baha'u'llah, written before Theodor Herzl first proclaimed the idea of a modern Jewish state:

"In this cycle, Israel will be gathered in the Holy Land and the Jewish people who are scattered to the east and west, south and north, will be assembled together... The abasement suffered by Israel for 2,500 years will now be turned into everlasting glory to such an extent that it will excite the envy of its friends and its enemies."

The Baha'is are Iran's largest religious minority, but unlike the Christians and Jews, who are more or less tolerated by the mullahs, they are singled out as heretics. This is apparently because while Christians and Jews are "People of the Book," mentioned in the Koran, their divine revelation having preceded Mohammed, the mullahs can not acquiesce in the Baha'i teaching of a prophet who came after Mohammed. They are made the scapegoats for all of Iran's ills. It is a familiar scenario for Jews.

SO FAR, the World Centre has received definite information about the execution or killing of 142 Baha'is men and women by hanging,

shooting and mob violence. Many were condemned, in mock trials, on general charges of "corruption on earth," because the mullahs would not consent to their independence and their teaching of the concepts of the equality of men and women, universal education, the harmony and cooperation of capital and labour, the harmony of true religion with true science, and the belief that all religions have the same divine source.

These modern teachings are anathema to the fundamentalist clergy, resulting in deep-seated antagonism for the Baha'is in Iran for over a century, since the religion was founded there in 1844," said Barrett. In its first decade, 20,000 adherents were killed in Persia. Since the Islamic revolution, thousands have been made homeless, their properties seized, their pensions stopped. At present 344, including many women, are in prison.

The mullahs appear to hate particularly the young Baha'i women who are active in youth work and teaching children. Fourteen leaders, including the entire nine-member National Administrative Body, elected by the Baha'is of Iran, have disappeared, as have members of locally-elected assemblies. Baha'i centres have been confiscated, holy places desecrated and destroyed. Several thousand Baha'is had fled by the time the regime closed the gates to them, 18 months ago.

In at least one case, the family of a condemned man were forced to pay for the bullets used to shoot him, and the authorities mostly refuse to hand over the bodies of the executed to their families for burial. There is also fairly reliable evidence of torture before the executions.

The people at the World Centre believe that the concentrated pressure from the West has slowed down the incipient genocide of their brethren in Iran. But the attempt has not been halted. Just last week, news was received of the arrest on July 27 of 17 more prominent Baha'is in Teheran and elsewhere in that unhappy country. It is one of the ironies of our turbulent century that the very people whose faith proscribes all forms of violence and engagement in politics and preaches the sanctity of all religions should be the victims of political-religious violence of the most vicious kind.

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THE DEPARTURE from Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's "incorrect economics" has predictably produced a flurry of I-told-you-so's from party rivals.

It has also had repercussions in Copenhagen, where Israel's Ambassador Yosef Hadass has had to cancel invitations to Denmark's establishment for a reception in honour of Aridor, who was due to visit Scandinavia next week.

The poker-faced minister may now force us to re-read that great work by one of Denmark's most famous sons, Hans Christian Andersen, where the little boy cries, "But the emperor has no clothes."

Aridor found himself further down the slope in the climb to power this week after receiving a political beating from his off-and-on ally, Deputy Premier David Levy. Reportedly it was Levy who played the dominant role in the Ministerial Economic Committee when it took the latest turn in government policy. Levy, it is said, prevented Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan from resigning during the discussion over spending cuts. Less than 24 hours before the devaluation bombshell on Wednesday, the director-general of the Finance Ministry, Ezra Sadan was promising harsh economic measures in 10 weeks. People are asking whether he is a professor of relatively rather than of agricultural economics.

PREMIER MENACHEM BEGIN is under relentless pressure to fill the deputy premier's seat, left vacant by the death of late Liberal leader Shmuel Elovich. As this is Begin's prerogative, jockeying is underway to influence him this way or that in favour of one of the two contenders for the post: Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who is chairman of the Liberal Party presidium, and Justice Minister Moshe Nisim.

The latter enjoys the backing of the two off-and-on party rivals, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt and Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir, who is chairman of the party central committee. They may disagree on aspects of internal party affairs, but they concur in seeking to prevent Moda'i inheriting the mantle of the late "Reb Simcha." Nisim enjoys the support of all the anti-Moda'i factions, who do not fear he would try to convert the position into a lever to become sole party leader.

I'm told that one reason for the

Liberals pressing Begin to fill the position is urging from inside Herut, especially from the faction of Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who can't stomach the notion of having Housing Minister David Levy as sole deputy premier. The following anecdote indicates the kind of relationship obtaining among top Liberals: when this week's cabinet session ended, Patt offered Moda'i and Sharir a lift in his chauffeur-driven official car. As the car filled up with smoke from cigars smoked by Patt and Moda'i, the non-smoking Sharir asked to be dropped off in town, muttering: "There are pleasanter ways of eliminating a political rival."

IT IS USUALLY from inside Labour that one hears dire warnings about the effects of the opposition party's internal rivalry, so it was something new to hear Cassandra-like prophecies emanating from the inner circle of Herut's "fighting family." Septuagenarian Dr. Yohanan Bader expressed his "fears and anxieties for the future of Herut rule... because of the internal intrigues besetting our movement" in the August issue of the Herut monthly *B'Eretz Yisrael*. "Stop relying on Menachem Begin's personal popularity," he cautioned the party politicians. "Stop believing too greatly in the opinion polls that promise us victory at the next elections."

REPORTS EMERGING from Metoudat Ze'ev, Herut's national headquarters, reflect increasing friction among top party bosses over the management of what appears to be an increasingly sagging municipal election campaign machine. Interestingly, the Herutniks are happier working with Liberal campaign joint chairman Moda'i than with their own man, Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman. The most explicit public criticism came this week from Herut's Jerusalem boss, Transport Minister Haim Coria, who openly regrets Kaufman's appointment, arguing that he cannot manage to work full-time at the Treasury and successfully run an election campaign. The Jerusalemite put the blame on Kaufman's boss, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, who is Herut party secretariat chairman, saying tersely: "With all due respect to Kaufman's talents, making him campaign co-chairman was tied to the narrow consideration of

SLIPPERY SLOPE

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Uzi Baram (left), Yohanan Bader.



(Stopnitzky, Harari)

protecting the interests of the person who put him there."

NO WONDER more and more people are looking to former President Yitzhak Navon to save the situation. I gather that while Kibbutz Hameuhad veterans like Yisrael Galili, MK Ya'acov Tsar and Hevrat Ovdim secretary Danny Rosolio remain zealously pro-Rabin, an increasingly influential segment among the former Ihud Hakibbutzim wing of the United Kibbutz Movement have come round to the Navon option.

But the main problem with that is the candidate himself, and the question of his readiness to jump into the party cauldron has been raised. Rumours about changes in his personal life have prompted observers to speculate that his hour of decision may be nigh. At party head offices there's talk of various scenarios — a favourite being an agreement between Peres and Navon over who will top the list, thereby putting Rabin totally out in the cold, and making Abba Eban a highly acceptable member of the top troika.

In this connection, it's il-

luminating to learn that Jerusalem branch boss Uzi Baram, a leader of the pro-Navon lobby, this week told a group of comrades that, while he would like to see Navon as the party's No. 1, "at present I see no reason to challenge Shimon Peres' primacy."

THERE'S BEEN so much speculation about the prime minister's state of health that it was interesting to hear of his animation this week when meeting a bipartisan group of American college students, which could include a future Republican or Democratic presidential candidate. This was the first group of foreign guests Begin has socialized with for some time. Tony Samuels of Cincinnati told CBS news correspondent Bruno Wasserthell how "alive and vibrant" they found the premier in their hour-long encounter.

Begin appears to have regained his good humour, to judge by his chit-chat to Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper. Following a serious discussion on the crisis facing so many farmers, they touched on Grupper's prospects of becoming next minister of agriculture. Begin advised the

deputy minister: "You look well, but you should lose at least 10 kilos" — which I suppose is one contribution to the Great Debate on cuts.

JUST BEFORE Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor flew off to Venezuela and Colombia at the head of a parliamentary mission, he gave his consent to the most blown-up and costliest Knesset delegation ever sent anywhere at any time in the history of the legislature. In sharp contrast to last year's delegation to the Inter-parliamentary Union conference in Havana, to which only three MKs — Herut's Meir Cohen-Avidov, Labour's Moshe Shahal and the NRP's Avraham Melamed — were sent, this time the IPU is meeting in Seoul in October and the number has swollen to 11 MKs for the Likud, Cohen-Avidov, Yigael Hurvitz (whose cries of austerity stop here), and Pinhas Goldstein, plus Yigal Cohen, Yigal Cohen-Orzag and Ehad Olmert; for Labour, Moshe Shahal, Yoni Sarid, Amnon Linn and Hamed Halali, plus the inevitable Avraham Melamed. The delegation, whose size will equal that of the U.S. Congress and Senate, will cost the taxpayer a total of \$15.2 million at the present exchange rates. The return flight will cost \$1,400; \$80 a day will go on accommodation and another \$40 a day on living expenses.

THE LAW took a beating this week from the supporters of Tami leader Aharon Abuhatzira after his conviction for theft by the Supreme Court. While neither of the big parties uttered a word of reproach, so as not to offend a pivotal coalition partner, Tami's Vicky Shiran, who holds the official post of spokesman of the Ministry of Social Services, appeared on Ram Eron's TV talk show and compared Abuhatzira's trial for corruption to that of Alfred Dreyfus. If he's Dreyfus, what does that make all of us?

Then I heard Cohen-Avidov, who is not only a deputy Knesset speaker but a candidate for the Haifa mayoralty, tell the Army Radio that "it wasn't a real theft," declaring "we have to apply different norms to different communities."

He ignored the question from young Labour MK Haim Ramon: "Does that mean we have to tailor each law to each community?" Minister-without-Portfolio Mor-

dechai Ben-Porat who, since immigrating here from Iraq in the '40s, has been dedicated to the integration of all communities, attacked "these wild people. They do not represent the oriental communities as a whole, who are law-abiding citizens."

I hear that the Tami leader's legal expenses have amounted to about \$500,000 so far, the money coming from such wealthy Sephardi leaders as Nessim Gaon (of Geneva), Leon Tamman (of Brighton, England), and Steve Shalom (of New York).

JERUSALEM MAYORALTY Likud candidate Aleppo-born Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, is flying to New York this coming week to mobilize money for his campaign among Shalom's tightly-knit Syrian Jewish community. As an extra treat he's taking Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon along.

A POPULAR SLOGAN employed by disgruntled army reservists seeking a pullout from Lebanon on protest banners outside the Prime Minister's Office goes: "Arik's down on the farm, Rafel (ex-chief of staff Rafel Eitan) is in his carpentry shop, and Zahal's deep in the mud." Well, it seems that Rafel isn't in his carpentry shop — he's busy launching a new right-wing movement among the better-established moshavniks and kibbutzniks. Members of the former Ein Vered group that switched from Labour to the Likud met with him at a Nahalal farmstead on Saturday night to form a new "Back to pure Zionism" movement. Eitan denied his group was a counter to Peace Now.

THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES struggle continues between Finance Minister Aridor and other Herut ministers and NRP's Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, not only over the projected second TV network, but over the top jobs at the Israel Broadcasting Authority. Aridor is quoted as saying of IBA chairman, Herutnik Prof. Reuven Yaron, whose job expires in April 1984, along with IBA Director-General Yosef (Tommy) Lapid: "He's like the English POW officer played by Alec Guinness in *The Bridge Over River Kwai*; first they made him a captive, and then he built the bridge for them." Communications Minister Mordechai Zippori told newsmen during a

Negev tour this week that a draft bill for a second TV network and authorizing cable TV would be placed on the cabinet agenda in a fortnight.

Zippori this week lost the services of his political aide, Rafi Ben-Hur, after a misunderstanding two months ago with his former aide, Shlomo Ron. But that's nothing to the record number of spokesmen who have worked for Finance Minister Aridor, who appears to have the greatest difficulty in communicating with the public. You may have noticed that his press communiques have lately taken on a more aggressive note. It's due to the heavy hand of his new spokesman — the 7th — Drora Ganani-Elad, who caused quite a stir by deserting her old boss, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak in the midst of his tussle with the Treasury. Preceding her were Dov Kool, now back at the National Insurance Institute, Moshe Elat, today with Shekem PR, Uri Oren, currently enjoying New York as our economic mission's spokesman; Arnold Sherman, today the Haifa Technion's chief PR person and fund-raiser and ex-cop Benny Friedman, who is moving to take charge of inland revenue's information corps.

THE TEL AVIV Museum and American Express combined this week to give the local public a firsthand view of 150 works by the great photographer, Henri Cartier-Bresson. Museum photography curator Melech Bar-Am told guests at the preview that the idea of having a show in Tel Aviv was initiated by the master himself, who told him a few years back, when they met at the offices of the Magnum agency in Paris: "This will be my protest at Israel's expulsion from UNESCO." Museum governor Nahum Pundak, on his monthly visit from Copenhagen where he is editor-in-chief of the daily *Politiken*, introduced Nathalie Desjonqueres, Paris-based marketing director of American Express for the Near East, Africa and Asia, who brought the show here, and Ya'acov Gal, head of Meditrad, the Israeli representative of American Express, who sponsored the buffet reception in the garden. Cartier-Bresson would have been amused at the woman journalist who asked the strikingly attractive Desjonqueres: "Are you the artist's wife?"

Fight for tolerance

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

The tendency to violence at all levels of society today has led to the desecration of graves in order to protest desecration; to the hurling of stones and other missiles, sometimes with serious results — even death: even the sports arena has become a Roman circus. Why are Israelis so quickly stirred to take violent action?

FIRST OF ALL Almog mentions some norms in Israeli society. "We do not have a tradition, like the British, of 'Her Majesty's loyal opposition.' We tend to see everything in black and white. Whoever is not for me is certainly against me. This even leads to a feeling that whoever doesn't support the government is an enemy of the state and, at the same time, whoever criticizes the opposition for its acts, present or past, is supporting current government parties. There is no room for the neutral or for the careful analysis," he says.

However, Almog, feels there is a possibility of correcting these trends. "Our job is to try to solve the problems that history has given us. We have to learn that people can be different but equal, instead of the current feeling that any difference makes you unequal."

As for the problems history has presented us with, Almog says, "The early days of the state were marked by a definite belief in human engineering, with people as a raw material. But it is childish to continue to dwell on the mistakes of the past, many of which were honest mistakes and made by people who truly had everyone's best interests as they saw them, at heart. We have to learn that all leaders make mistakes, and that not every mistake is a deliberate attempt to exploit someone else."

Almog mentions a recent *Moked*



Yeshai Almog. (Benzion)

programme concerning the current crisis in the moshavim.

"The entire programme, which could have analyzed the basic problems of Israeli farmers, was devoted to mutual attempts on the part of government and opposition representatives, to place the blame for the crisis on one another's shoulders. There was no in-depth analysis. We are the same way in our political approaches. The candidates don't talk about what they have to offer, only about what the opponent doesn't have."

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But all this takes, first of all, money. Because of its non-political nature, Sovlanut cannot turn to the government or the political parties for support. To date their contributions have come mainly from Israeli banks and private citizens. "But here again," says Almog, "we are not a popular organization like Libi, where a bank or a business would be ashamed not to contribute. We are dependent on the real concern of Israelis who care about their society. We are dependent on them for money and for volunteers."

Almog, who spent three years in the U.S. after he finished his army service, says that he does not take a pessimistic view of the future, even given the limitations he describes:

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SENSITIVE POSTING

By DAVID RICHARDSON / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Wat T. Cluervius... 'Palestinians see the consulate as a kind of confession.' (Rabamin Israeli)

hostile attitudes towards Israel. All in all, then, the Jerusalem Consulate-General is a sensitive post for any aspiring American foreign service officer. In the short time Cluervius has been living and working in the grand, colonial-style building set behind a high fence and beautifully maintained garden on Agron Road, he has met scores of Israelis and Palestinians. The general initial impression of the personable, gravelly-voiced diplomat is of an energetic and particularly well-informed individual who often knows more about the area than he lets on.

Excerpts from the first interview he has granted since taking office and the first interview a U.S. consul-general has granted in many years.

There is an impression that the Consulate-General, particularly since your arrival has been making an intense effort to improve its image on the Western side of the city. EVERY DIPLOMATIC establishment tries to establish good relations with the area where it functions. Historically, that has been more difficult in Jerusalem and there has been a great deal of mythology about us and about what we do. But it is my impression that relations have improved over the past few years.

One example of the 'mythology' is the misconception that there are two consulates — one of the East and one of the West of the city. There is one consulate which occupies two buildings. All the consular activities, such as visa applications and passport renewals, are handled in the consular building on Nablus Road, while all the other activities are handled from here.

I have been watching this consulate professionally since 1969 and there have been awkward moments and awkward personalities. This has led to misunderstandings and unpleasant incidents that have found their way into the press.

To a certain extent this was inevitable as the consulate had to adjust to the new reality following 1967, and we are constantly making efforts to improve things. One example is the physical layout of the Nablus Road building. As a place for dealing with the public, it has not been very good. Security requirements also hampered an effective operation. I really believe that some people working there were affected by the environment, by the working conditions.

For 1984 firing the first shots in preparation for the contest, it is not inappropriate, from Reagan's point of view, to introduce the friendly note on the settlements once again into his own election repertoire. It is for Israel indeed a helpful note. In the unending war of propaganda with which Israel has to contend it will at least not have to battle with Washington on the legality of Jews going to live in the heart of the Jewish homeland.

No change, however, has occurred in the Americans' other assertion on the settlements: that they are an 'obstacle to peace.' Indeed, the idea was repeated in that very address by Secretary Shultz last Sunday and for some time before that hardly a day passed without some member of the administration admonishing Israel for its establishing settlements.

Both Vice President George Bush and President Reagan himself were reported to have pressed this view on Defence Minister Moshe Arens during his recent visit to Washington. Bush was reported on Israeli Radio even to have said aggressively that nobody could be persuaded to understand why Israel continued to set up settlements.

In none of the reports was there a hint of a reply by the Israeli representative to whom these reproaches were addressed. While U.S. leaders, from the president down, never miss an opportunity to decry the settlement policy through the media, and thus implant ever more firmly in the public mind that it is 'an obstacle to peace,' Israeli spokesmen do not bother to reply — certainly not to counter-attack.

This is an ongoing blunder, one of the many built in to Israel's information policy.

States and reporting in that context. So that if, in the course of events I have an interesting discussion on the West side of town, I am more likely to give that to the embassy. We have a very close working relationship.

In view of your previous posting to Tel Aviv and your close involvement with Israelis during the autonomy negotiations, is your appointment some kind of signal?

I DON'T see any particular signal. One of the particular things in my appointment is my desire for the job. It was a happy coming-together of my desire to be here and the fact that I have a lot of experience in the issues which are relevant here.

One of the British high commissioners used to say that after Jerusalem there is no promotion. It's a magnificent interesting city and I and my family enjoyed our previous appointment here. It also came after five very intense years of work that started just before Camp David. It was time for a change of scene and I couldn't imagine a better one.

There is a de facto situation where consular officials meet with Palestinians who are declared supporters of the PLO while at the same time excluding others, such as people in the village leagues, in the civil administration, in the military government as

well as appointees and other moderate Palestinians. THE PRINCIPLE of talking to everybody is one which people in my business all believe in. But in the course of actual operation in a foreign service reporting post you make judgments about your contacts. That is true of any country: an ambassador or consul-general has to decide if it is worth trying to see someone if that damages relations with the government. There is always a judgment call, and always in a job like this you inherit some of the judgment calls of your predecessors.

As far as seeing people in the military government and civil administration, I think that is a policy on the other side.

What of Palestinian employees and appointees, like judges, directors of health etc., who do not have contacts with the Americans?

I AM NOT aware of that and it sounds dubious. We do meet with people like that.

There are some 20,000 Americans living in the consular area. They also happen to be among the most politically articulate individuals on both sides — Israeli settlers and Palestinians. Does this create any particular problems?

YES, THERE ARE a great deal of Americans out there. Both Israeli settlers of American origin, some of whom are still American citizens, and there are quite a few Palestinian Arabs. The majority of them tend to be retired people, but not exclusively. There are some young university-trained people who stayed in the States long enough to acquire citizenship.

I don't see that as a particular problem and in a sense the communication is better because there is no major language barrier. The only awkwardness that I find goes with the job is that there are an awful lot of articulate people on both sides of the question. Therefore, spending an hour-and-a-half in Ramallah listening to an articulate and impassioned expression of views on the one side and then spending the next hour-and-a-half having lunch with an articulate and impassioned exponent of the op-

posite side requires a certain changing of intellectual gears, which can be tiring.

Do you anticipate any change in the official Israeli position of a kind of cold tolerance towards your independent position?

THIS IS an anomalous political situation that grew out of UN resolutions back in the late '40s. A lot of pragmatic arrangements have been made to try to fit the reality to the formal political positions.

The political implications for both sides of changing their formal positions are such that they prefer to keep those formal positions. The Israeli attitude is that it does not like our formal political position on the city in general and the consulate's independent status in particular. I would not call it a 'cold tolerance,' but rather a recognition of the political reality.

While the consulate isn't formally recognized by the Government of Israel — it is not accredited to the Government of Israel — all of the working relationships that are necessary to live together and function do exist. These are dealings with the consular and protocol sections of the ministry, the municipality and the Israel National Police, which is important because a lot of Americans round here keep getting themselves in jail — both Israeli Americans and Arab Americans.

I think that the relationship now between the consulate-general and the Israeli authorities is probably as good as it has ever been.

A veteran observer of those who work on the West Bank has said that diplomats are like the Israeli military commanders in the area. One begins by being studiously even-handed but there is an inevitable erosion of that even-handedness when they see that the Palestinians are suffering a prolonged military occupation. How would you comment on that?

ANY AMERICAN foreign service officer has to report, analyze and make recommendations on what he thinks is in the U.S.'s best interests. Not the best interests of the various constituencies. I am sure that there are foreign service officers who have taken sides here or in Central America, but that isn't the job. Someone who lets himself become an advocate has stopped doing his job. I'm interested in what's good for the U.S.

Foreign service officers do occasionally get emotionally wrapped up in what they are doing, but I think that equally some of them get emotionally turned off by what they are doing. Familiarity does not always breed advocacy. In fact, the old saying says something else.

Armistice Lines means anything else to them than the next step towards Israel's extinction. The suggestion that putting a stop to the settlement of Jews in Judea and Samaria would further the cause of peace is patently nonsensical. It is, however, dangerous nonsense: for it strengthens Arab confidence that they will yet, with American and other help, achieve their first objective: control of Judea and Samaria and Gaza.

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Obstacle to peace

By SHMUEL KATZ

THE DEMAND that Israel stop putting up settlements — and forbid individual Jews to settle in the heart of Eretz Yisrael — is of course a function of the Arabs' central purpose, broadly supported by the U.S., that Israel give up Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip district and withdraw into the 1949 Armistice Lines.

Now these Americans who claim that the withdrawal will bring peace and who wish to be taken seriously should not be permitted to evade the pertinent questions that arise: on what grounds do they rest their assertion that shrinking Israel will bring peace?

The one rational source for it could be that of previous experience. Israel's experience, however, has taught a precisely contrary lesson.

Originally, many Jews shared the illusion that concessions of territory would win the Arabs' heart and bring peace. That was why the Zionist leaders of 1947 accepted the partition plan of the United Nations. They were prepared to accept a grotesquely vulnerable sliver of territory, smaller than that within the 1949 Armistice Lines. The Arab reply was war — accompanied by a graphic statement of their intention towards that minuscule state and its Jews.

"The world will now see," said Azzan Pashra, Secretary-General of the Arab League, "a war of extermination and momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian massacres and the Crusades."

After that war and the establishment of the Armistice Lines, there were still no Jews in Judea and Samaria (ruled by Jordan) and Gaza (in Egyptian hands).

In spite of its bitter experience, Israel, in the period between 1949 and 1967 again proposed peace on these territorial terms. The Arabs' answer was — war in every sphere except the battlefield: economic, diplomatic, propaganda, punctuated by terrorist forays across the borders and, in the north, by persistent Syrian shelling from the Golan Heights of Israel's villages.

Then came the Arabs' second major attempt on Israel's life — the Six Day War — and Jordan attacked Israel once more from Judea and Samaria.

What is there then in the 1948 and 1967 experience to justify the American claim that precisely a return to the status quo of June 3, 1967 — returning Judea and Samaria to Arab hand — will bring peace?

No less significant is the fact that in 1973, when Israel was in dire

straits on both southern and northern fronts, Jordan refrained from entering the war and creating a third front against Israel. Even with Israel so hard-pressed, King Hussein was not prepared to hazard a contest with Israel for the west bank of the river (where a number of Israeli settlements flourish) and, perhaps still less, for the Samarian and Judean mountains. They are the heart of any serious defence system west of the Jordan. They are Israel's protective belt.

The Israeli presence in Judea and Samaria prevented war with Jordan. Only when there was no Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria, and central Israel was invitingly confined within the coastal strip, has Jordan in the past ventured to attack Israel.

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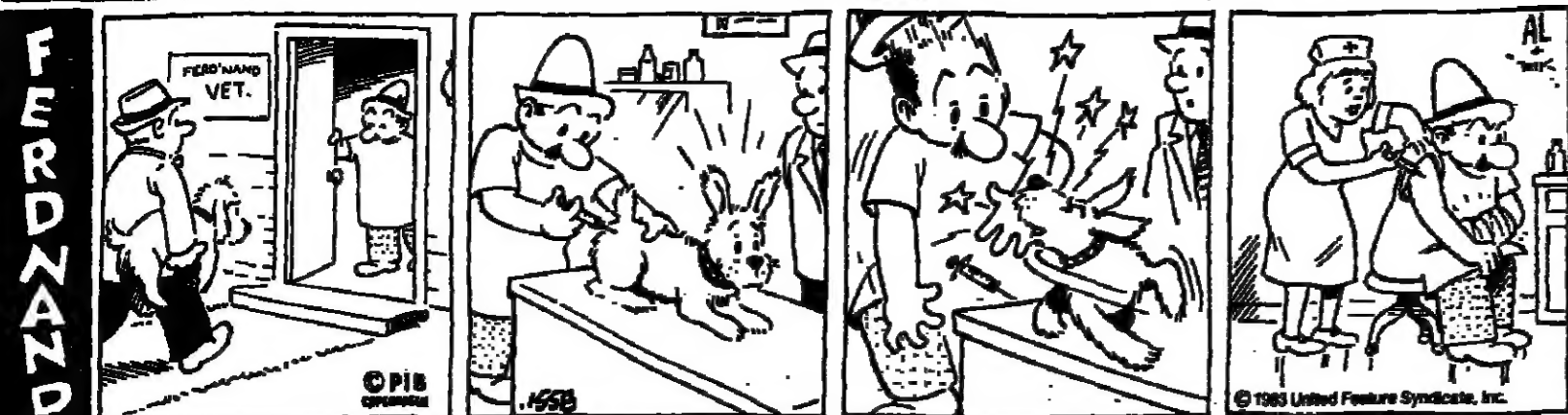
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Fostering a grandparent

Families who take in elderly 'adoptees' provide a very desirable alternative to nursing home care. Leah Abramowitz reports on two families who have opened their homes — and hearts — to the aged.



Richard Nowitzky

FOSTER families — recognized as effective in caring for homeless and needy children — are also proving suitable for old people.

Local institutions for invalids and the infirm are overcrowded or inadequate. A nursing home which caters to 50 or 200 people must be mechanized, efficient and, hence, impersonal. Moreover, high-quality nursing staff is hard to find. It is no surprise, therefore, that foster families are becoming a highly desirable alternative for the elderly residents themselves and their families.

No one knows for certain how many Israeli families actually care for a non-relative in their homes, or what is the state of health of the "adoptees." A recent paper by Yosef Corsia of Brookdale puts the number of officially recognized foster homes at 56. But he admits that many more private arrangements exist — sometimes involving one old person, sometimes more.

The Ministry of Social Welfare recognizes the advantages of the foster family arrangement, but its district offices have had little success in attracting enough candidates, mostly due to lack of adequate budgeting.

Today a foster family recognized by the social welfare services receives IS13,000 a month for the care of an elderly man or woman.

For this sum, they are expected to provide full room and board and laundry service, help with bathing and dressing, accompany the person to medical check-ups, and also endure all the individual idiosyncrasies that a roomer inevitably develops after an initial "honeymoon" trial period.

Meanwhile, renting a room to a dependent boarder on the private market can earn the family up to \$1,000, so why bother. Also, keeping a person at an old-age home or semi-invalid institution costs IS50,000 a month or more. The Ministry of Health, which can pay IS66,000 a month for placement in a nursing home, has no provisions for foster care. This lack of flexibility in transferring funds from one budget to another is a significant deterrent to the development of the foster care for the aged concept.

Batya Cohen of the Division for the Aged in the Department of Social Welfare of Jerusalem has another explanation for the dearth of foster homes.

"The relationship between a

boarder and a foster family is like a *shiduch* (match in marriage)," she says. "When you take in an elderly, infirm person, he becomes a member of your family. Frequently it just doesn't work out." According

to Cohen, it takes an unusual personality to cope with such a burden. Avron Ben Abu is such a person. Ben Abu gave up his grocery store business two years ago to devote himself to the *mitzva* of helping old

people. Although he made expensive alterations in his residence to meet the requirements of the social welfare department, the latter was slow in referring candidates. He

also was selective in choosing the elderly people he wanted to have join his household.

Thus, for many months, there were only one or two elderly residents staying with Ben Abu,

although there is room for six to eight residents in the special annex to his house, which has a garden and a moshav-like atmosphere.

Ben Abu gives full care and attention to his wards. He spends many hours just talking to them, and if they are sick he will stay up all night to care for them. His wife and eight children also help.

The financial burden is a heavy one, he admits. The payment offered by the official bodies does not make his work worthwhile. His residents are, of necessity, people with independent incomes — e.g., Americans who receive social security.

The Ben Abu foster home also accepts short-term visitors who need to recuperate after hospitalization or whose care-taking families need a respite.

ANOTHER well-known foster care family — that of the Mashrikis of Rosh Ha'ayin — is cited by Yosef Corsia. The Mashrikis, their seven children and grandchildren care for six elderly men and women, all of Yemenite extraction, in a two-story house.

The boarders are all mobile, but need some assistance in their daily personal care, and are what the Ministry of Social Welfare calls *teshuvim* (infirm aged).

Mrs. Mashriki began caring for elderly people seven years ago after she fostered retarded children and cared for her own son for three years after a near-fatal accident left him a vegetable. The doctors gave up hope for the child, but his mother nursed him at home, and developed the patience and experience to look after other needy people thereafter.

What characterizes the Mashriki household as well as the Ben Abu's is the complete dedication of the parents to the elderly residents, and the respect and polite attitude the young people show toward them.

The Kupat Holim doctor and nurse in Rosh Ha'ayin highly regard the efforts of the Mashriki family and make regular visits to their house for check-ups and preventive medical care.

"There is a real feeling of togetherness at their home," according to Corsia. The old people take their meals together and on the Sabbath and holidays, they join the Mashriki clan upstairs for festive meals.

The Mashrikis' reputation is so high among Yemenites that they

have received requests from all over the country, from Tiberias, Afula and Beersheba. On rare occasions, an old man has been left on their doorstep by a desperate, unknown person. The Mashrikis gathered the abandoned individual into their household and made him part of the extended family.

Corsia is currently directing a pilot foster family project under the auspices of the social welfare division of Jerusalem. He will study five or six elderly men and women placed in specially selected and properly guided foster families for a specified period. The idea is to check scientifically how this type of service helps elderly dependent people, and what type of person is most likely to benefit from foster care.

Other government bodies such as the Ministries of Social Welfare and Health have been less encouraging about support for the foster idea. They prefer to wait for the results of Corsia's experiment.

"I see foster families as an alternative to the range of services available to the aged," he says. "Foster care should not be in place of nursing or senior citizen institutions." Corsia also believes there should be flexibility in the kinds of foster care that is offered.

"Why not encourage neighbors to adopt a lonely old man or woman who could remain in his or her own home, if they, for remuneration, provide him or her with meals, assistance with personal care like dressing or bathing and of course occasional companionship."

Corsia thinks there should be foster families who provide daytime facilities for the aged, and others who provide the sleeping arrangements. He also encourages relatives — even distant family members — to adopt an elderly person in need. He cites several examples where neices or second-cousins have successfully looked after elderly relatives. In one instance in Tel Aviv, an old man has been staying with a foster family for over 20 years. Their only connection is that they come from the same *sheif* in Europe.

In Israel where many families lack a third generation, says Corsia, the foster arrangement could also be mutually advantageous as it would provide children with "proxy" grandparents while the aged gain care, warmth and individual attention.

best caretakers for their parents," declares Cohen, "nor is doing more for a parent always the best solution." For example, giving help when there's a stressful relationship is harmful to both sides.

He gives the example of a dedicated daughter who was at the beck and call of her mother 24 hours a day, and on the verge of nervous breakdown because of the old lady's unreasonable demands and deteriorating condition.

Cohen helped her realize why she felt the need to recompense her parent and why she took the entire responsibility upon herself rather than share the burden with her wailing siblings.

"It sometimes happens that middle-aged children are still repaying childhood 'debts' and are being manipulated, perhaps unconsciously in a most unfair and unrealistic manner by their family," says the therapist.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

A family system

sometimes have not done before. He insists on seeing the whole family together which might mean four or five siblings and their spouses with or without the parents, and sometimes even with the grandchildren.

His willingness to meet the families in their home environment, in after-office-hour sessions — and the clientele, who are not stereotypical social work cases — are additional, distinct features of the counselling service.

THROUGH these discussions, Cohen helps families understand the nature of their problems, interpret correctly the reactions of their ageing relatives and find ways to overcome their difficulties. He tells them of the range of services available to the aged in Israel and tries to convince reluctant families to use them.

Take, for example, Mr. M. who worked as a bookkeeper and suffered a second, debilitating stroke at the age of 72. His wife, who was ten years younger, worked as a librarian. She found her husband's increasing dependence and emotional instability very difficult to manage. His personality seemed to change overnight. He became uninhibited, made unreasonable sexual demands on her, cursed her and was aggressive.

Mrs. M. was in tears whenever she discussed the problem with her two children, both of whom had families and commitments of their own, and who lived out of town but who were sympathetic and willing to help.

Cohen met with the family more than 20 times. He used marital counselling techniques with the elderly couple. He also helped the family organize Mr. M.'s day so that

his wife could continue to work part-time and still meet his need for attention. He taught Mrs. M. how to talk with her husband, not just nurse him, and thus give him self-respect and release from his frustration at being a semi-invalid. He showed the family how Mr. M. could be given specific tasks in the house and how his unexpressed fears of death and dying should be realized and taken into account.

Moreover, Mrs. M.'s need to get away and take time for herself was supported. Cohen helped her adjust to a change in family roles and marital expectations, and began planning with her for her imminent retirement.

At the joint sessions the therapist encouraged each family member to bring up points of contention, even at the risk of argument. These meetings gave the family an outlet for their unhappy feelings about each other and enabled them to reorganize and find new ways of coping.

Cohen believes that the greater self-understanding gained by the family will help them function satisfactorily and to cope with future crises.

One source of crisis is institutionalization. Some families will seek placement for an ageing, problematic parent even if he does not need it. Others will shun the possibility despite professional advice and even if to do this is to the family's detriment. Conflict, depression and guilt feelings can be aroused by the subject of institutionalization.

Cohen understands these reactions. He encourages the families to visit homes, discuss openly the pros and cons, overcome their prejudices and preconceptions and make the right decision.

He is also aware of the tremendous price of over-involvement, where seemingly "good" children sacrifice their own families for the sake of ageing parents.

"Sometimes children aren't the

"My father hasn't been the same since he retired. He's always complaining about something; he stays in bed and pretends to be sick. I don't know how I should handle him."

"I'm always fighting with my husband. He says my parents make too many demands on me. I suppose he's right, but I'm an only child. What can I do now when they're old and need me? I feel torn between two commitments."

"My mother is always arguing with me. She drives me crazy. I get mad and yell at her, and then I feel guilty that I'm an ungrateful daughter. After all she did so much for me."

SUCH expressions are repeated by many middle-aged people, facing the problem of how to cope with ageing parents, at a time when the geriatric population is on the increase.

Six months ago an innovative counselling service to deal with such problems was initiated by Chaim Cohen, a social worker who is director of social service for the

United Home for the Aged. Working through Shiluv, a private, non-profit, family therapy agency, Cohen uses a "family system" approach. That is, he takes into account that each family is different, each has its own way of interacting, and that each will have its own specific way of adjusting to a crisis.

"An ageing parent can precipitate many a crisis," says the American-born social worker. Common conditions of old age, such as physical or mental debilitation, can throw a family system completely off balance. Sometimes it is the spouses who suffer; sometimes it is the children, or both," says Cohen.

"Sometimes," he continues, "the balance is restored spontaneously. But often families need help, either in the short term or the long term."

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Context

THE LINE between sacred and profane in the City of David is clearly marked by a wooden fence. What is in dispute is which side of the fence — and the conflict — is sacred, and which is profane.

To the east of the fence, say the archaeologists, lies sterile ground, to the west the nation's heritage. To the east, say the ultra-Orthodox *haredim*, lies the remains of our fathers, to the west a violated cemetery.

The dispute, at once theological, archaeological, and political, has again this summer taken archaeologist Yigal Shilo out of his excavation pits and Rabbi David Shmueli from behind his yeshiva lectern to do battle with each other on the buried walls of Jerusalem. The archaeologist has scoured pages of the Talmud and the wall posters of Mea Shearim to prepare himself for the confrontation and the yeshiva head has pored over air photos and old archaeological reports.

Although they rarely meet face to face, each maneuvers mighty armies against the other — Shilo, the forces of the law, including mounted police and the courts, and Shmueli the hosts of Mea Shearim and the spirits of the dead. Their conflict has filled the streets and jails of Jerusalem this summer with demonstrators, further polarized the *haredim* and secular communities and caught the bemused attention of newspaper readers around the world.

The wooden fence was put up last month as part of a purported agreement between the two sides to mark the eastern limit of the excavations in the controversial Area G. The agreement was worked out, following an all-night session in Bnei Brak — reminiscent of the Haggada tale — at the home of a prominent rabbi.

SHMIDLI WAS on hand as head of the ultra-Orthodox Atra Kadisha, an organization dedicated to preserving the sanctity of Jewish cemeteries. Also on hand was Zevulun Orlev, assistant to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. Orlev and his boss wear the knitted skullcaps indicating their dedication to both religious and national values, which Area G seems to have placed in opposition — pitting sacredness against scientific investigation.

The dilemma would be uncomfortable for anyone; it is particularly so for an Orthodox politician.

But good politicians get paid for finding elegant solutions to dilemmas. Hammer's position was that it was the ministry's Antiquities Department which issued excavation permits. The minister could overrule the department, but in that case, he would be open to a show cause order if Shilo's sponsor, the Hebrew University, appealed to the High Court of Justice.

While the courts might ban excavations in an area suspected of containing graves, it seemed clear that the area presently being excavated in Area G contained no graves. If it ever was part of a medieval or more recent cemetery, as Atra Kadisha claimed, years of archaeological excavations had stripped the graves away, since the digs were now down to the Canaanite level. (Shilo claims no human bodies have been found in Area G.) Atra Kadisha maintains that regardless of the non-existence of graves, it was a violation of halacha to dig in an area that once had been a cemetery. But it was unlikely that the court would accept that as a basis for its ruling.

Hammer pointed out that the court might order a permit issued for a larger excavation area, as the archaeologists initially requested.

A KEY FIGURE at the Bnei Brak meeting was Orthodox attorney Yacov Weinrot, who had the con-

Sanctity and science

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter



The wooden fence which marks the eastern boundary of Section G in the City of David. Silwan village and the Mount of Olives are in the background. (Karen Ben-Zion)

fidence of all parties present. He reportedly said that the High Court would "undoubtedly rule" in the archaeologists' favor if an appeal were made.

The tenuous consensus that emerged from the meeting was that a permit to limited excavations to the area already being dug was preferable to court action that could lead to an expansion of the excavation area and the possible endangering of existing graves. It was a solution that would get Hammer off the hook in both camps.

Shmueli wanted time to consult with other rabbis, including leaders of the Eda Haredit, the major organization of the *haredim* community. He could not enter an agreement that would sanction excavations anywhere in Area G, because that would be sanctioning post facto, in his view, the desecration of graves.

However, the formula he offered Orlev in a subsequent telephone conversation nicely adapted principle to *realpolitik*. If six conditions were met, Shmueli indicated, the mass demonstrations over the Area G excavations would stop. The main condition was the construction of support walls that would prevent the high ground around the ex-

cavations from being undermined and collapsing, possibly carrying graves with it. Work was to begin on the wall before excavations resumed.

"I didn't say we would have condoned the dig if these conditions had been met," said Shmueli in a conversation with *The Jerusalem Post* last week. "But I believe there would have been no organized call for demonstrations. We wouldn't have seen the digging as all right, but there are many other things that aren't all right, either. Hammer had a chance to get out of this quietly."

However, the same day that he spoke to Orlev, said Shmueli, the excavations began and, when the wall was put up a few days later, it was a wooden wall, not a concrete one capable of providing support. "We felt ourselves deceived," Shmueli said. With the collapse of the agreement, Mea Shearim exploded.

ORLEV, WHO has received numerous death threats from *haredim* extremists, says that work on the wall began within 48 hours of the agreement, and that the work carried out by the archaeologists until then had consisted only of cleaning, not digging. As for the nature of the wall, he said he had made it clear that the ministry intended to build a

wooden wall. It was clear from the written conditions drawn up by Shmueli, which he said he had dictated to Orlev, that he was speaking of a "support wall." The thin wooden facing that was actually built in fact offers no structural support.

Archaeologist Shilo, who was not directly involved in the negotiations with Shmueli, said last week that he opposed a concrete wall, since its foundations would have blocked the critical area he is presently exploring at the foot of the fence. Within a few weeks, he said, a concrete wall will indeed be built on the site as work gets underway to create an archaeological park in the City of David.

This month Shilo will wrap up his sixth City of David digging season, which he had originally planned as a five-season dig. The opportunities were more extensive than anticipated, he said, as were the problems with Mea Shearim, which have occupied perhaps a third of his time.

During the summer, he made periodic reconnaissance missions into the Orthodox enclave — without his tell-tale sombrero — to examine the wall posters and see if assaults were being called for on the City of David. Some of the posters were personal attacks on him, relegating him to the dark side of the hereafter. He also studied the Talmud for counter-arguments in his ongoing debate with the *haredim*.

Noting that the closest graves to Area G uncovered were 40 metres away or 20 amot, he cited Talmudic texts which stated that a cemetery's sanctity extended only half that distance from its outermost grave.

Shmueli, who heads the Karlin kollel in Tiberias for mature yeshiva students, has also spent much of his time fishing in strange waters. He has studied the archaeological reports of Kathleen Kenyon, who preceded Shilo in the City of David, and examined surveyors' reports, airphotos, the testimony of old Jerusalemites and pilgrim literature, in order to determine the boundaries of old Jewish cemeteries on the slopes facing the Mount of Olives.

THE CONFLICT between the two men and the values they represent is not likely to end with the current season. Although restoration of the site as an archaeological park is to get underway on a large scale next year, Shilo says there are several areas in which he will probably feel obliged to continue digging in order to clarify some points. One of them is Area G.

Shilo regards the fight over Area G as part of a broader *Kulturkampf* between the ultra-Orthodox and secular communities. He believes that the secularists will prevail by asserting their rights and relying upon the law to defend these rights. Despite the violence of the demonstrations, the police prevented any interference with the work in the excavation pits.

Work on the five other archaeological sites in the City of David will end this week, but it will continue in Section G to make up for time lost at the beginning of the season, before a permit for the site was issued.

Both camps can file end-of-season reports recording substantial gains and losses. Shilo waived his digging rights on a five-metre-wide strip on the eastern margin of Section G as a compromise gesture, but managed to continue the main part of his dig here into the heart of the citadel of Canaanite and Davidic Jerusalem.

Shmueli will not approve, but he will likely read with considerable interest what Shilo has to report in his press conference later this month on the nature of the city David captured and built as the focal point of Judaism.

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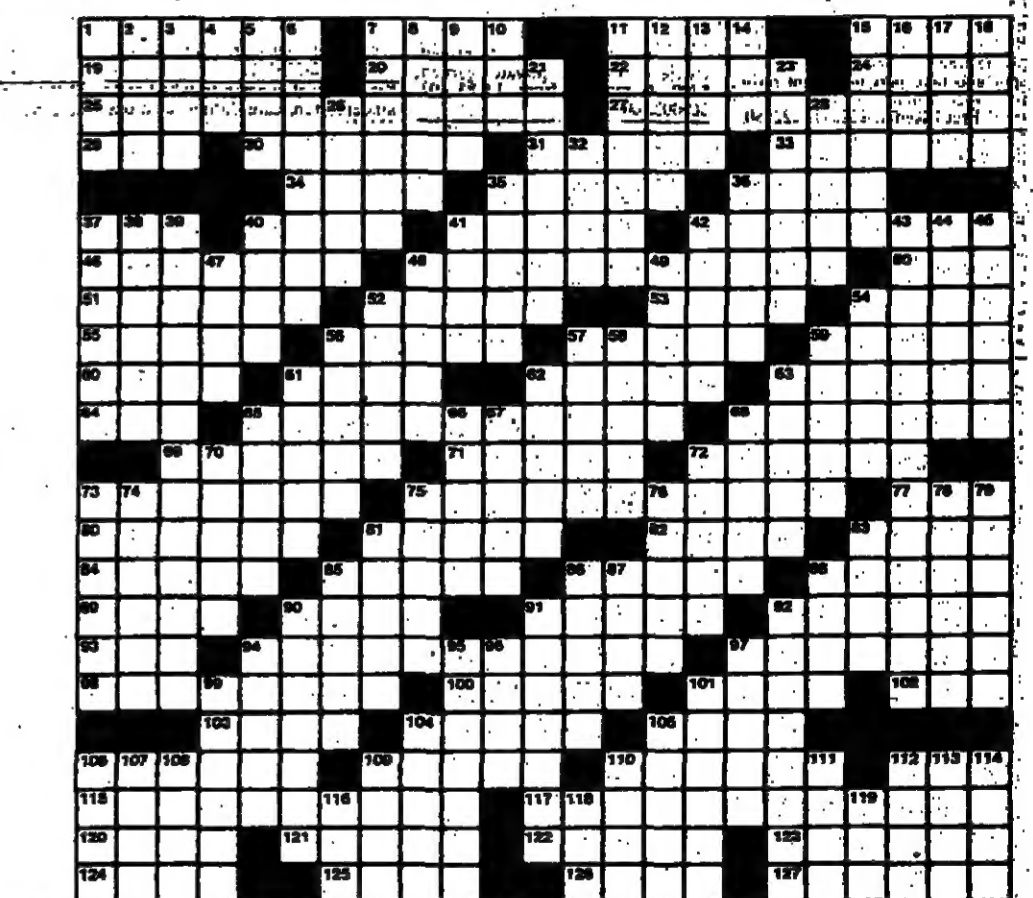
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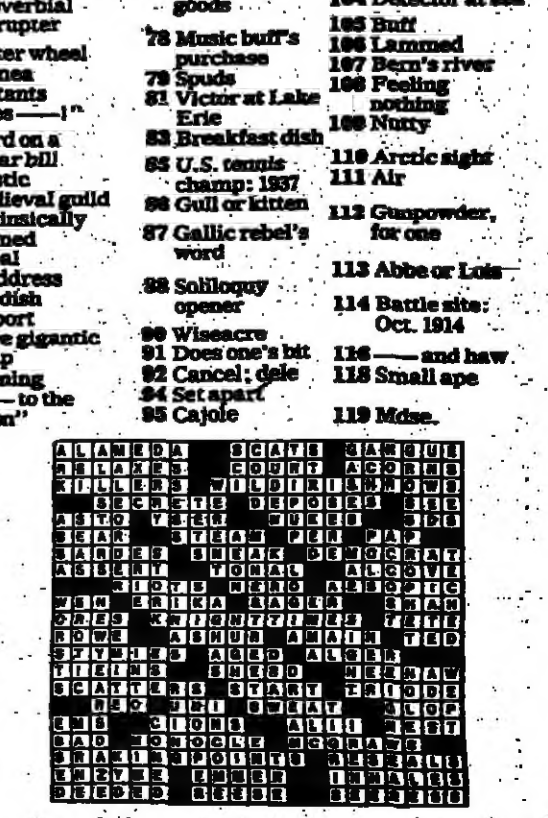
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The story of the Golani

By HELGA DUDMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

GUIDED TOURS in English are now available at the Golani Brigade Memorial Museum, which opened nine months ago.

The story of the Golani Brigade, which is also a history of all of Israel's wars, is being explained by Stephanie Marks and Joseph Woolf, who both live in the moshav of Hananya, which was called Sejera at the time the brigade was formed during the War of Independence.

Stephanie, who was born in Australia, and Joe, from South Africa, take visitors through the series of bunker-like concrete buildings which make up the museum, designed with special concern for site and symbolism by architect Yossi Asa.

Like the girl soldier Hebrew-speaking guides, Stephanie and Joe tell the story and answer questions with the help of photograph early weapons, maps and light-up push-button exhibits.

The most moving part is also the most human and personal. This is the section of slim volumes of personal histories — 1,100 of them, one for each fallen soldier of the brigade. They contain photographs of the dead, a brief curriculum vitae, letters to and from the families, and, of course, in many cases, poems.

A documented memorial to battles and the fallen is, of course, nothing like the usual museum; and there are those who do not approve in any case of such military frameworks. On the other hand, the initiative for setting up the Golani

Memorial Museum came, as is usual in such situations, from the bereaved families. The chairman of the parents' committee, himself an early member of the brigade, whose officer son fell on the Hermon, is a neighbour of the former chief of staff at Moshav Tel Adashim.

THE DAY I visited, Joe happened to be guiding a group of American teenagers through the museum. While the youngsters were leaving through the files of the fallen soldiers, I overheard an American girl of about 15 saying to a friend: "It's disgusting, absolutely disgusting."

What, I asked, was upsetting her. "The boys in our group. The way they're playing with the guns here."

And sure enough, while the girls were leaving through the files, visibly moved by the death of so many young men, and by the fact that all that remained were photographs and letters (a few translated into English in the files), in another part of the museum were the 15- and 16-year-old males in the group, pointing vintage rifles at each other and happily posing for photographs with Golani hardware.

The girls, meanwhile, continued to look through the files of the fallen. "What a terrible waste," one said to another.

One of the recent battles in which the Golani commando unit took

part, and which all Israelis connect with the regrettable TV appearance of the prime minister and the former defence minister, was the fight for Beaufort Castle. The guides most occasionally deal with visitors who ask about the TV statements that Beaufort was taken "without a single loss." Copies of the letters to Mr. Begin sent by the bereaved parents of the Golani fighters who died capturing Beaufort are in the museum files.

With foreign visitors, Joe told me, there can also be emotional moments. "We had a boy from abroad, about 10 years old, whose Israeli cousin is among the Golani fallen. One of those usual stories where two brothers left Russia for different destinations. In any case, this little boy looks exactly like his Israeli cousin who died in a Golani action. When he saw the photo of his dead cousin in the file, he simply burst into tears."

AT A RECENT ceremony at the museum, the present brigade commander, Col. A. Lavi, closed his address with the prayer "that this will be the last battle — that peace will descend upon the land," and indeed, the architecture and planning of the museum is rife with symbols, particularly of peace.

Joe points out "furrows" in the cement, the work of ploughshares rather than rifles, and calls the last

corridor in the museum the "Tunnel of Hope." The final view from here is of an olive tree, the symbol of the Golani Brigade.

"Other military museums commemorate specific battles or aspects of the past. 'This is ongoing history,' says Joe, whose three sons are all in reserve units. He himself was a member of Betar in South Africa, took underground training there as a young man, arrived in Israel in July, 1948, in time to take the IZL oath and then joined the Seventh Brigade. He remained here only about a year, returned to South Africa, and came back to settle in Galilee with his family, in 1969.

This is quite different from the record of the main donor, whose generous financial contribution made possible the construction of the museum, which had been the dream of a group of bereaved families. Frank Lowy, a former fighter in Golani's "Barak" commando group, has for some years been a very successful businessman in Australia. He is expected back for a visit soon.

The museum is located on a rocky hillside north-east of Golani Junction, halfway between Nazareth and Tiberias, with roads going south to Afula and north to Upper Galilee.

It is a project of the Lower Galilee Regional Council, and Moti Har-Lev is the museum director. Hours are 9 to 4 (closing at 1 on Fridays) and admission for adults is linked, roughly, to one dollar.

"MENACHEM BEGIN functions better than most younger men. It's a myth that he does not," says Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir. "I meet him frequently, and I'm consistently amazed at his capacity for coping with such long hours of work."

The problems besetting the Likud government, Sharir says, are neither the result of its policies nor of Begin's personal performance or lack thereof. They are "a symptom of the sickness in our party system."

Everyone rushes to the Prime Minister's Office for a solution to his problems — whether budget quarrels, party squabbles or municipal disputes, says the tourism minister. The prime minister should not have to deal with such trivia.

This situation is not a function of Begin's style of leadership, he maintains, nor does he see the Likud as being built around Menachem Begin. Why, after all, should Pessah Grupper go to the prime minister with farmers' problems, he asks. Why shouldn't the deputy minister of agriculture work out his problems with the finance minister? "I've never dared bother the premier with my ministry's problems," Sharir complains.

Don't the ministers find it difficult to communicate with Yoram Aridor? "If I can talk with him, why can't the others," comes his swift reply.

SHARIR CONCEDES having reservations about Aridor's economic policies, "but I don't want to go public. I don't believe that headlines solve problems."

"Our main difficulty lies in our not having adopted strong steps immediately after the 1981 elections. Now it's too late. There is no majority, either in the cabinet or in the Knesset. For strong economic measures, each minister is ever so willing for cuts, — but only in other ministries' budgets. Everyone is ready to tighten the other's belt. The problem is that Aridor is so obsessed by the fight against inflation."

In Sharir's opinion, the finance minister has made a bad choice of advisers. "They've caused bad blood between him and other ministers. They're responsible for the erosion of his position. If I were

A sickness in the system

Tourism Minister AVRAHAM SHARIR, a veteran Liberal Party leader, talks with *Post* Political Correspondent MARK SEGAL about the Begin government's performance.



him, I would get rid of some of them."

SHARIR IS chairman of the Liberal Party's Central Committee and one of the Liberal senior ministers. Why, he asked, had the Liberals backed Aridor in crucial cabinet votes when his Herut colleagues deserted him?

"We Liberals have a sense of guilt about what happened to the late Simcha Ehrlich, about how his term as finance minister was cut short. Ehrlich died a broken man, says Sharir. "He never recovered from the injustice done to him."

But the Liberals did not support Ehrlich when he was finance minister. "True," says Sharir. "We're haunted because of that. We don't want to do to Aridor what was done to Ehrlich. Depositing Aridor would cause such an earthquake, it would bring down the Likud."

The minister of tourism would seek solutions to the economy's problems through economic growth, and not only by belt-tightening. He proceeds to talk of "slaughtering sacred cows," removing yokes from our shoulders. He is for weeding out unproductive agricultural settlements and diversifying the farming economy. For example, he has suggested opening

up moshavim to tourism, with villagers renting rooms to vacationers. Too many people, he complains, have not yet adjusted to new developments. Tourism is bringing in more than all fund-raising in the Diaspora; one-and-a-half times farm and diamond exports; and just under half industrial exports.

AVRAHAM SHARIR at 50, has come a long way since he was taken under the wing of the late General Zionist leader Yosef Sapir. Even before serving in the air force, he had shifted from No'ar Oved to the General Zionists, where he met his wife Rivka (they have four children). While studying law at the Hebrew University, he was active in student politics, and was picked to become secretary of the General Zionist Knesset faction. Recalling those leaner days, Sharir mentions how he used to have to stand outside the old Knesset building in the rain before the guards would let him in. "Today it houses my ministry, and the guard salutes me when I arrive," he says with a grin of triumph.

His next step up the ladder was working for Arye Dubzin in various jobs for the World Zionist Organization, including serving as director of its New York office from 1964 to 1967. After the Six Day War, he

returned to set up the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, a roof body for private enterprise. He served as the director-general until 1969.

In 1970, he was sent to Atlanta as Israel's consul. He persuaded the then governor, Jimmy Carter, to attend the Jerusalem Economic Conference, where he was not honoured with a seat on the podium.

Sharir, after transferring to the Los Angeles consulate, was called back in 1975 to be Liberal Party secretary-general, a job he held until becoming a minister in 1981. He has been an MK since 1977 and now chairs the Likud caucus.

He speaks at length, almost lectures, on the special appeal of his party and its liberalism. How does that gibe, we ask with their support of Agudat Yisrael's (anti-) archeology bill.

"Oh, that's the price we pay for our coalition agreement," says the minister. "However, it would be a mistake to think that all Liberal MKs voted by compulsion; some are quite religious."

THE MINISTER has no regrets, or second thoughts, about his votes during the war in Lebanon, nor would he endorse wholesale

criticism of Ariel Sharon, despite the former defence minister's current outspoken criticism of the government.

"Arik's like a wounded lion. One cannot judge a man too harshly in his predicament. He was mortally wounded. Of course, I disagree with his current tactics; he's harming himself. If he doesn't wish to dig his own political grave, then he should cease."

Sharir had not wished originally to vote for adopting the recommendations of the Kahane Commission. It had been, he felt, unjustifiably harsh on IDF officers, but in the end, he voted with the rest. The proposal was raised in the cabinet to separate the recommendations dealing with the military and those with political repercussions, but Sharon was strongly against this. "I'm still certain that a majority, could have been found for that motion," says Sharir, "but he rejected it, so we had no other choice... Politics in Israel are very cruel. We always seem to be consuming our best sons."

Sharir vigorously rejects the notion that Sharon hijacked the war and presented his fellow ministers with a stream of *faits accomplis*. "That's quite untrue. All moves were approved," he declares, in the face of quotations from former energy minister Yitzhak Berman that pivotal moves in the campaign were not submitted to the cabinet for prior approval.

TO HIS MIND, the real solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will emerge from Lebanon. "The U.S. will recognize the true dimensions of the issues. The main achievement of the war was the 'breaking of the PLO's back, making it easier to solve the problem than beforehand." He adds ominously: "If not for the war in 1982, there would have been a much bloodier and costlier war in the future. That's why I say let history judge the operation."

In Sharir's view, American foreign policy creates difficulties for Israel because of its naivete. "I look around the world and don't see any American foreign policy successes. Now, they've sent Robert MacFarlane as their special envoy to Damascus to offer Syrian President

Assad payment in Israeli currency.

"From the start, I thought the Americans naive in thinking Syria would pull out that easily from Lebanon. Instead of concentrating their fire on Israel, they should look to Damascus. In general, I think that MacFarlane should spend more time in Arab capitals than in Jerusalem. The U.S. has to demonstrate what kind of leverage it has in the so-called moderate Arab states like Jordan or Saudi Arabia. It's too naive of the Americans to still hold that the Saudis can deliver anything."

HE WOULD emulate the Americans by transforming Israel's political system to one with an elected president forming the cabinet, so posts would not depend on the vagaries of coalition government. He was not clear about to what extent he would welcome the checks and balances that go with the American system. But in Israel he sees "a situation verging on anarchy in all the parties. No leader enjoys authority in the parties anymore except in Herut, and even there no one knows what will happen after Begin."

"Democracy can work as long as its rules are kept; otherwise the slide into anarchy begins. Today it's even difficult to muster a majority in the Knesset to enact laws. We are unable to impose discipline on our MKs."

How would a president with political power improve the situation in the Knesset?

"We would have stable government, and not the present situation in which each minister is like a warlord when it comes to the budget. Or course, we must reform the electoral system. The party forums, and not the electorate, pick the candidates. The electoral bodies comprise about 2,000 persons for all parties. The system as we know it is not democratic."

But it's the public that votes for the party's candidates? "The public votes for Begin, or a Peres/Rabin, or an Abuhazzeira, but has nothing to say about who appears on the party lists. We must prepare ourselves for after Begin goes."

He would like to see a top leadership forum — five from Herut and five from the Liberals — set up

to prepare the Likud for the post-Begin era.

HE DISMISSES outright the idea of a Liberal future outside the Likud. He also dismissed the call for merging with the Likud as mere sloganizing.

Only the Liberals, he says, still have any real ideology to offer, while even Herut only has a foreign policy programme to sell.

Yet, we reminded him, voices were growing louder inside Herut, demanding a drastic revision of the 1965 party agreement with the Liberals, with Defence Minister Moshe Arens recently being the loudest of all.

Sharir lost some of his amiability, declaring, "Such talk comes from people who don't understand politics. It's a recipe for the Likud to lose power. The Liberals will be in the Knesset, but the Likud won't be in office, and Arens won't be at the Defence Ministry. I don't think many others share his opinion; they prefer logic and responsibility to prevail."

"I'm convinced that the majority in the Likud appreciates that our only way lies through hanging together. Real new vision will recognize the Liberal Party's value, and not be deceived by the transitory nature of public opinion polls."

If, as he maintains, the Liberals have much to offer Herut and the electorate why are they so fragmented?

The Liberal Party Central Committee chairman disagrees sharply that this is the case.

"Our people tend to wash their laundry more in public than others. It's no better in other parties, where the killer instinct surfaces more frequently. We're not as cruel as the others. True, we have a bad image because of our tendency to quarrel publicly."

His party's former chairman, Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, charged them with having sacrificed their independence and becoming a bourgeois wing of the Revisionist Movement. Former energy minister Yitzhak Berman has accused his colleagues of political bankruptcy as Liberals and of sacrificing ideals for a minor share of the power game.

Sharir reacts irately to those "who compete to shatter the largest number of glass panes in the party's structure." Where's his consistency, he asks about Berman. "Rimalt at least stepped down; so should he."

Sharir conceives of a collective leadership running the Liberals — the rule of one leader is out of the question for the foreseeable future.

The atmosphere grew hotter, despite the air-conditioning, when we mentioned that Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, chairman of the party presidium, has announced his intention to nab the party chairmanship.

Eyes flashing, Sharir declares: "I will fight any bid to put one man in the driver's seat. It won't bring unity to our party but wreck it. I can assure you that such a decision is highly unlikely. What's happening to Labour between Peres and Rabin should be a warning to us — all the time the elected chairman has constantly to assert his legitimacy. One thing is sure. If Moda'i runs, there'll be more than one candidate. If he runs, I will, too."

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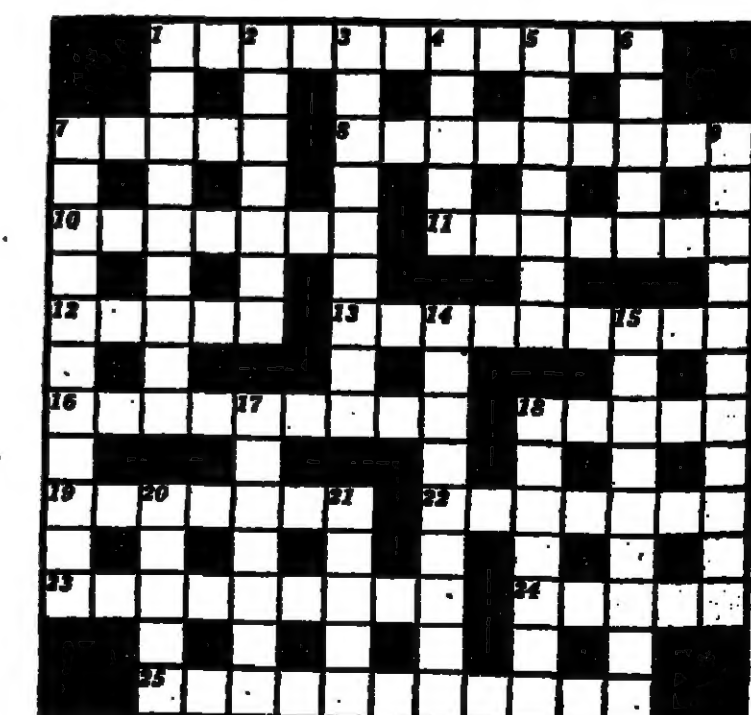
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- 11 Get a solid lump out of the liquid! (7)
- 12 Use soap and water like this afterwards (5)
- 13 About sex & vice back in Kent—there's too much! (9)
- 14 It holds the record for receiving wireless programmes, too (9)
- 15 Attack leading to seizure, perhaps (5)
- 16 Low sort of bedstead, the top having been removed (7)
- 22 Bound to follow boys on this adventure training (7)
- 23 Natural feeling of obedient seller on the order: "up spirits"? (9)
- 24 Misanthropic Lear in one other play featuring him (5)
- 25 Sick wood cutter, presumably! (4, 7)

DOWN

- 1 Kept going without a pause (9)
- 2 Being so mythical, Eve's fit to bust (7)
- 3 Out of debt, ready to get toy for a child (5-4)
- 4 Age number 1000110001100 (5)
- 5 Gifts of great value in ancient times (7)
- 6 Swings on a door post (5)
- 7 Opens a tourist attraction in London (5, 6)
- 9 Immediately after, the winner gets this award (6, 5)
- 14 Scarf for a dummy! (9)
- 15 Apart from other patients, you'll be alone in this hospital (9)
- 17 Fitful and disgusting example to act a part (7)
- 18 As it turned out, consumed — to make one replete! (7)
- 20 Not been to the outpatient (5)
- 21 Puke level with the other side, in the end (5)



'Quickie'

- 1 Top-level negotiations (8, 5)
- 2 Vertical, as a chef, etc (5)
- 3 Bird (9)
- 10 Strip (7)
- 11 A payment (7)
- 12 Piles of matter (5)
- 13 A popular soft drink (9)
- 14 Ladies on the stage (9)
- 15 Containers for liquids (5)
- 16 Treat tyrannically (7)
- 22 A flying organisation (3, 4)
- 23 Great history (9)
- 24 A way to cook (5)
- 25 Famous modern opera (5, 6)

DOWN

- 1 Resolute (9)
- 2 Wonders (7)
- 3 They pretend to be others (9)
- 4 Moves around (5)
- 5 Frolicking (7)
- 6 Move furiously (5)
- 7 American State (5, 6)
- 9 Carries components in a factory (7, 4)
- 14 One who does not drink alcohol (9)

- 15 They're ruled from the White House (9)
- 17 Well turned out (7)
- 18 A hearing part (7)
- 20 Moderately fat (5)
- 21 A winter sportsman (5)

Yesterday's Solutions

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Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1. Plough, 8. Shares, 19. Comment, 11. Raise, 12. Rule, 13. Bacon, 14. Shift, 15. Four, 22. Bar, 23. Struggle, 24. Larder, 25. Cheese.
DOWN: 1. Spectre, 2. Formula, 3. Eggart, 4. Charlet, 5. Trail, 6. Ashes, 7. Standfast, 14. Climber, 15. Cobler, 16. Ordered, 18. Stole, 20. Ferry, 21. Lutan.

Shekel devaluation ignites market

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Wednesday's "mini-maxi" devaluation of the shekel against the basket of European currencies, as well as against the dollar, was the signal for massive demand for shares registration for trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The trading turnover of ISL 6 billion was more than double the turnover that we have seen being registered daily, over the recent past. The buying wave, according to exchange reports, was primarily on the part of mutual funds and professional investors who were anxious to get "a piece of the action."

However, buying into the market proved more difficult than some had anticipated. There were no fewer than 157 individual issues which could not be bought because they were registered as "buyers only." Every sector of trading was liberally punctured with "buyers only" situations.

More spectacular was the performance of the 245 securities that were traded with gains ranging from five to ten per cent. Land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues were sharply higher and the sector jumped 6.97 per cent. Logic would dictate investments in this area since real estate normally begins to appreciate sharply in the wake of a devaluation. However, observers of stock markets are keenly aware that the public as a rule does not act in a logical manner. Perhaps a more apt explanation would be that this sector has recently been hard hit and appeared to offer some good bargains.

The same analysis could apply to the industrial sector of share trading, which surged ahead by 6.79 per cent. After all, many of our industrial companies are exporters and now that their exports will be more profitable their profit and loss statements will be as well. An 8.28 per cent advance in the oil group is not a reflection that there are any new "scents of oil," but means simply that prices are optically low.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

The commercial bank group reflected an almost fraternal orchestration which was characterized by its similarity. The Big Three Banks advanced by margins from 1.1-1.5 per cent. IDB and Hapoalim shared the top perch with Leumi on the bottom. Mizrahi reimbursed its investors for the one day stoppage in trading by advancing 12 points, twice its normal output. Israel General Bank, a daily 0.5 per cent gainer, was up by 0.7 per cent. However, investors in these shares could not complain, as Israel General has been the best performing commercial bank share over the past seven and a half months. Union Bank dipped in with a 1.4 per cent rise. Danot 1.0 and 5.0, First International Bank of Israel and FIBI all wound up five per cent gainers, in the aftermath of "buyers only" situations.

A 10 per cent advance by Adanim led the mortgage bank equity group to a 3.7 per cent sectoral advance. Gains of up to 10 per cent were recorded by specialized financial institution shares.

Options, rather than shares, stole the spotlight in the insurance group. Gains of 15-18 per cent were scored by the following options: Hadar, Haneseg 3 and 4 and Yardenia 2.

Options in the service and trade group soared, with gains of up to 20 per cent. Many of the underlying shares were established as "buyers only" and were upped automatically by five per cent.

The same situation was to be

noted in the land development, real estate and citrus plantation group. Building resources were heavily traded and were 10.1 per cent winners. Property and Building edged nearly four per cent higher.

Industrials were exceptionally strong and gains of 10 per cent were liberally sprinkled among the quality and even among the lesser shares. Elbit was "buyers only." (The company has just reported record quarterly earnings. Its shares are expected to be shortly registered on the American OTC market. See story below) Eilon was a 10 per cent gainer and is expected to announce its profit and loss results sometime next week.

The Israel Corporation 1.0 and 5.0 shares were both 10 per cent gainers in a rapidly rising investment company group. Both Elgar shares were up by 10 per cent while the Elern shares were "buyers only." Clal 10 was "buyers only." The Pama group of securities were all "buyers only" as was Piryon.

There were sharp price gains in the various index-linked bond groups. These advanced by margins of up to four per cent.

Trading activity was only moderately active and just under IS660 million.

The shekel was devalued by the meager amount of 13 agorot, in relation to the dollar.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange announced yesterday that due to the heavy demand for shares and the many "buyers only" situations, the mutual funds may value their offering prices on the criteria that if the fund has more than 10 per cent of its assets in securities which were registered as "buyers only" then the fund can evaluate these securities as if they had appreciated by 10 per cent.

\$2.3m. quarterly profit for Elbit

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Elbit Computers Ltd., a 69 per cent owned subsidiary of Elron Electronic Industries, announced on Tuesday that in the quarter ending June 30 it had a net profit of \$2.3m. Last year in the comparable period the company earned only \$900,000.

The company, which specializes in computer based high-technology products, primarily aimed at local and overseas defence industries, reported quarterly sales of \$25m. as compared with \$18.6m. a year earlier.

On a net earning per share basis, fully diluted Elbit reported earnings of \$0.27 versus \$0.11 a year ago.

Elbit furthermore reported that its order backlog now stands at \$155m. as compared with \$120m. a year ago.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that Elbit will either register its shares for trading on the American "over-the-counter" market or try to make

an initial public offering in the U.S. Elron Electronic Industries, Elbit's parent company, has shares on the American OTC market.

Uzia Galil, Elbit's president, is now in the U.S. in connection with public offering of two subsidiaries BioTechnology General and Fibronics International. The former is a biological engineering concern based in Rishon LeZion, the latter an American company whose production facilities for the manufacture of fiberoptic cable are located in Haifa's science-based industries park.

Oil Ceiling. — Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Zaki Yamani said there is a "high probability" that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will raise its current production ceiling of 17.5 million barrels daily in the last quarter of this year.

Fuel Plant. — The South African government is considering building a synthetic fuel plant and taking other measures to increase energy self-sufficiency, Minerals and Energy Affairs Minister Pietie du Plessis said yesterday.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

August 11, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	57.0900
British sterling	84.2677
German mark	20.8434
French franc	6.9284
Dutch guilder	18.6355
Swiss franc	25.9853
Swedish krona	7.1568
Norwegian krone	7.5302
Danish krone	5.7923
Finnish mark	9.8840
Canadian dollar	46.1688
Australian dollar	49.7568
South African rand	50.8244
Belgian franc (10)	10.6160
Austrian schilling (10)	29.4625
Japanese yen (100)	3.5227
Italian lire (100)	23.1415
Japanese yen (100)	23.1415
Lebanese lira	15.57
Egyptian pound	51.0956

Company	Price	Change	%
Commercial Banks			
IDB	85500	—	—
IDB p	3808	+56	+1.5
IDB A	3808	+102	+3.0
IDB B	22800	1 n.c.	—
IDB p.1	2655	+187	+7.0
Union	2660	+412	+15.5
Discount			
Discount A	4847	+229	+4.7
Discount B	4843	+229	+4.7
Discount C	3220	+36	+1.1
Discount D	550	+562	+10.2
Mizrahi	1603	+2266	+14.2
Mizrahi p	1603	+72	+4.5
Mizrahi p.1	1095	+221	+20.2
Mizrahi p.2	1200	—	—
Mizrahi p.3	570	+120	+21.1
Mizrahi p.4	622	+120	+19.4
Mizrahi p.5	356	+120	+33.7
Mizrahi p.6	356	+120	+33.7
Mizrahi p.7	2550	+4014	+15.7
Mizrahi p.8	2550	+182	+7.1
Mizrahi p.9	21350	5 n.c.	—
Mizrahi p.10	4900	206 n.c.	—
Mizrahi p.11	13000	10 n.c.	—
Mizrahi p.12	9600	10 n.c.	—
General			
General A	7195	+174	+2.4
General B	37550	1 n.c.	—
General C	13500	+1	+0.01
General D	4338	8 n.c.	—
General E	326	+123	+37.7
General F	1635	+4488	+27.4
Leumi			
Leumi p.1	2435	+314	+12.9
Leumi p.2	2200	+13	+0.6
Leumi p.3	605	+160	+26.4
Leumi p.4	1011	+101	+10.0
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COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	56.3046	57.3755
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	83.9571	84.8010
GERMANY	MARK	20.7543	20.9629
FRANCE	FRANC	6.8929	6.9622
HOLLAND	GUILDEN	18.5333	18.7196
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	25.8437	26.1035
SWEDEN	KRONA	7.1201	7.1917
NORWAY	KRONA	7.5029	7.5783
DENMARK	KRONA	5.7634	5.8214
FINLAND	MARK	9.8320	9.9309
CANADA	DOLLAR	45.9064	46.3678
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	49.4727	49.9700
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	50.5603	51.0885
BEELGIUM	FRANC	10.3733	10.4776
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	29.4966	29.7931
ITALY	LIRE	35.0862	35.4389
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Selling	Buying
US\$	57.3758
DM	20.8554
Swiss FR	26.1036
French FR	6.9413
Dutch G	18.7395
Austrian S	28.9934
Swedish K	7.2178
Norwegian K	7.5029
Finland M	9.8320
Canada C	45.9064
Australia A	49.4727
Belgium B	10.3733
Denmark D	5.7634
France F	6.8929
Germany G	20.7543
Holland H	18.5333
Italy I	35.0862
Japan J	230.2111
South Africa S	50.5603
Switzerland Z	25.8437

Gold: \$411.80/12.30

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

US\$	1.4822/42	per \$
DM	2.2745/35	per \$
Swiss FR	2.1907/10	per \$
French FR	8.2000/30	per \$
Italian Lira	1613.28/78	per \$
Dutch G	3.0440/58	per \$
Yes	248.20/38	per \$
Denmark KR	8.0050/75	per \$
Norwegian KR	7.5430/60	per \$
Swedish KR	7.9400/930	per \$

FORWARD RATES:

1 month	3 months	6 months
US\$	1.4822/42	1.4822/42
DM	2.2745/35	2.2745/35
Swiss FR	2.1907/10	2.1907/10
French FR	8.2000/30	8.2000/30
Italian Lira	1613.28/78	1613.28/78
Dutch G <td>3.0440/58</td> <td>3.0440/58</td>	3.0440/58	3.0440/58
Yes	248.20/38	248.20/38
Denmark KR <td>8.0050/75</td> <td>8.0050/75</td>	8.0050/75	8.0050/75
Norwegian KR <td>7.5430/60</td> <td>7.5430/60</td>	7.5430/60	7.5430/60
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Public isn't fooled

APART FROM THE devaluation of the shekel, which was formally the initiative of the central bank, all the new economic measures adopted this week — by the ministerial economic committee — still require the endorsement of the full cabinet, and some of them will need the consent of the Knesset. A number of decisions may yet be revised, or scrapped altogether, but meanwhile the ministers have made all public, as if it were final. And Finance Minister Yoram Aridor has assured the people that he has "no more measures planned," but few will take his word for it.

Indeed, Mr. Aridor's credibility has not been enhanced by this week's hectic events. The Treasury's attempt to pass off the jettisoning of its previous programme as merely a minor modification of an essentially sound policy has fooled no one. There is hardly an impartial observer who will agree with Mr. Aridor that Israel's current economic predicament stems from the simultaneous challenge of economic recession in the western world and the high cost of the war in Lebanon, as Mr. Aridor contends. The world recession was a patent fact last September, when the finance minister turned down advice that the regular 5 per cent monthly devaluation should be increased or at least accompanied by a slash in public expenditures. The IDF's continuing needs in Lebanon were plain enough four months ago, when the Knesset approved the budget proposed by the Treasury.

Israel's economic troubles are plainly due to a misconceived policy which Mr. Aridor, with childish obstinacy, would not reverse until it became all too clear, even to himself, that it had brought the economy to the verge of disaster. It is not true, as the finance minister contends, that the budget was not trimmed last March because cabinet ministers were not fully aware at that time of the depth of the country's predicament. The truth is that Mr. Aridor himself did not foresee the dire necessity of cutting the state budget. When he did, at long last, in late June, decide to take action, there was no longer time for careful decision-making based on preparatory staff work.

The old "new policy" was simply replaced by a patchwork of ill-thought measures, the main purpose of which was simply to yield the magic figure of IS\$5 billion.

Originally that figure was to be obtained strictly from cuts in the budgets of government departments. At least, that was the official claim. No new taxes were to be levied; on this point Mr. Aridor was emphatic. Yet, as it emerged from this week's deliberations in the ministerial economic committee, the budget cutting scheme appeared to be, in large part, a plan for massive tax rises.

Also, the policy of slow devaluation was to be maintained. On this experiment the Treasury spent nearly a billion dollars during the past year, in the vain hope that it would not only help stabilize but actually reduce inflation. There was to be no major departure from this policy. As late as the end of last month Treasury officials derided reports of a sudden 10 per cent devaluation as "nonsense."

Yet this week, faced with a run on foreign currency by an Israeli public he had himself thrown into a panic, Mr. Aridor was prevailed upon to consent to a 7½ per cent devaluation, and the implied promise that the shekel would soon be gradually restored to its real value.

Taken by itself, the devaluation is a very mixed blessing. It will help increase exports and shrink imports, but it will also step up inflation. It makes sense only within the framework of a comprehensive policy designed, as a first priority, to reduce the balance of payments deficit. But the Treasury's scale of national priorities is a mystery, apparently even to itself.

What is, on the other hand, no longer a mystery is the proven, and deplorable, gift of the Treasury's leadership team for systematic economic mismanagement.

Reducing the heat

By ASHER WALLFISH

THOUSANDS OF American mothers and sweethearts must have twinges of worry from time to time about violence in Lebanon when they think of their boys serving in the Marine Corps there, or patrolling its coasts in the Sixth Fleet, much of whose strength is concentrated in the Eastern Mediterranean.

For all that, violence in Lebanon is way down the list of American priorities just now. American officials discuss the Lebanese issue with the press in a very relaxed manner, making it plain that for the United States there can be no great urgency about clearing the Israel-Lebanon-Syria logjam when it is so difficult to do so.

Not that Washington would not like an impressive diplomatic success in Lebanon: but it knows that such success will take a long time to achieve — much, much longer than the Israeli leadership wanted to believe.

Americans discuss the Lebanese logjam calmly because, despite the thousands of concerned families and friends back home, the presence of the troops in the Levant does not constitute a domestic political problem as it does for Israeli cabinet ministers. Nobody is calling stridently for the Marines to come home, as many here call for the IDF to get out of Lebanon or at least to retire rapidly to a safer line.

Israeli cabinet ministers seem to be sounding off about some problem or other concerning Lebanon every other day. Most of what they say does not contribute anything to the political process as such. In fact, it often causes harm abroad, without relieving any worries at home. A traditional psycho-political malady here.

American sources would like the message to seep through to Jerusalem that little can be done to get the Syrians out of Lebanon unless Israel is more patient, and that the overheated Israelis who went into Lebanon 14 months ago will have to recover their cool.

In any case, trouble in the Middle East resulting from the impatience of one side or another is the last thing Washington wants these days. Central America has priority. When Secretary of State George Shultz appeared on NBC's *Meet the Press* last weekend, 29 minutes of the 30-minute programme were devoted to Central America. One minute — significantly, the last — referred to the West Bank settlement issue which was the only point in the programme referred to in the Israeli media.

As the exhilarating yet pervasive influence on the country's foreign policy of the former defence minister, Ariel Sharon, and the former chief of staff, Rafael Eitan, gradually wears off, the U.S. administration apparently sees the leadership in Jerusalem sobering up and looking facing in the face more realistically, but it wants to add the Aikha-Seltzer to get rid of the hanger-on.

No wonder American sources are talking about several months of ar-

duous negotiations facing the special presidential envoy, Robert McFarlane, in his attempt to get the Syrian troops out of Lebanon.

Although the Israeli troops which went into Lebanon in June 1982 were the forces of an independent power, certain elements of the patron-client relationship between Washington and Jerusalem began to surface as soon as Israel became bogged down.

A very senior Israeli official said to me at the end of last month: "We won't go to war to get the Syrian troops out of Lebanon. During the Habib negotiations, the Syrians gave the Americans some sort of promise that they intended to evacuate their troops. Now it's up to the Americans to deliver. Their prestige is at stake."

When it comes to seeing that Lebanon does not fall apart, American prestige is indeed involved. But when it comes to getting the Syrian troops out so that the Israeli troops can get out, too, Washington has all the time in the world for the operation. And not only that. Patron America wants to remind client Israel that it is an independent power only on the battlefield; not around the negotiating table.

Behind the smiles, the expressions of commitment and the friendly handshakes which are the natural style in U.S. politics (and which are especially useful with a presidential election in the offing) may also lurk a wish to see Israeli leaders stewing in their own juice, both for their own good and for the good of their nation.

Last but not least there could be a hope that the Israeli price for evacuating Lebanon might slip slightly, and become more attractive to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

WASHINGTON would like envoy McFarlane to shuttle around the Middle East without substantive comment on his comings and goings by Israeli officials in reply to persistent pestering by the Israeli media, which finally publish unreliable material that can sometimes reach Damascus before McFarlane gets there, and can make his job even harder.

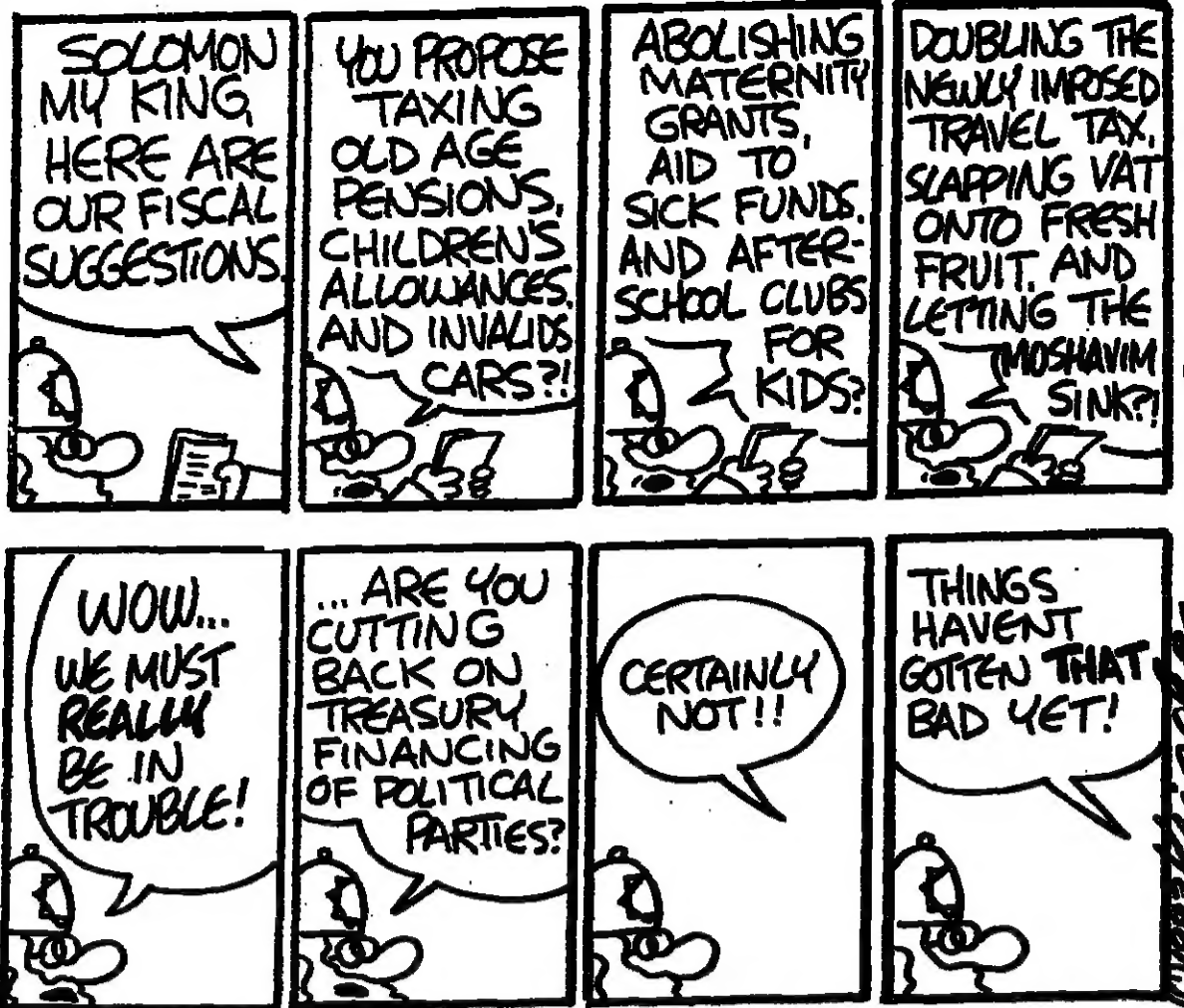
However much it goes against the grain for officials and journalists, that's what Washington wants.

Moreover, the mirrors game, which is what some of the McFarlane mission is all about, works better without people trying to break it down into separate elements.

The mirrors game has been played before in the Middle East when Israel wanted something, and the U.S. agreed that the request was justified without knowing how to go about satisfying it. It was played interminably by former presidential envoy Philip Habib over the Israeli demand that Syria remove its ground-to-air missiles from Lebanon.

The Israeli chattering sometimes crows at the false dawn. Israeli officials are sometimes seen to give

The Friday Dry Bones



premature publication to diplomatic proposals, which has the effect of making it harder, or even impossible, to discuss them with other parties. What's more, our officials sometimes don't quite understand the nuances of the words, or regard smiles as blank cheques.

Take the idea of the separation of forces between Israel and Syria in Lebanon. According to American sources, Israeli officials leaked the proposal after Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens held their talks in Washington. The Israeli officials described it as an American proposal, which is not surprising in view of Shamir's adamant opposition to it (shared by his colleagues) when it was first aired last year. According to American sources, since McFarlane was due to float the idea in Damascus, the leak from Israel only made things more difficult for him.

This pattern is such a familiar one among Israeli politicians that one wonders when it occurs by accident, when by design, and when it is simply a case of amateurishness.

American sources also talk of what they call a "slight exaggeration" by an Israeli official in a briefing about the Arens-Shamir meeting with President Ronald Reagan. This official, they aver, said the president hinted that he would consider the request to improve the terms of U.S. aid in a favourable light. In fact, the sources stressed Reagan simply gave an assurance that he would study the request "very carefully," but no more, and certainly had taken no decision.

The problem, *The Post* was told, is that the U.S. Defence Department is sharply opposed to an improvement in the terms of aid, even though the State Department is somewhat more favourable. The U.S. Treasury is loath to approve such requests, especially as two or three more foreign aid recipients would soon be waiting in line to request the same amelioration in terms since they would regard themselves as being in the same position.

As for the Israeli request to use \$250m. of aid money to help develop the Lavi fighter plane, the sources quote Defence Secretary Weinberger's opposition on the grounds that it would seem unfair to U.S. warplane manufacturers who

do not get any government subsidies for development.

"While they must depend on their own resources, you are asking for credit in order to compete with them," *The Post* was told.

ONE OF THE KEYS to an IDF redeployment on the Awali River line would be a political agreement between the Lebanese government and its Druse community so that the Lebanese army could then enter the Shouf mountains peacefully, the American sources cautioned.

Although Israel and the United States can help with this agreement, it is basically up to the Lebanese government and the Druse themselves. An agreement, if achieved, could be a signal to Syria about future trends in Lebanon, *The Post* was told.

American officials have frequent contact with the lieutenants of Walid Jumblatt, the Druse figure. Some of these contacts take place abroad, in France or in Jordan, for example, because Jumblatt has been avoiding Beirut ever since his wife was nearly assassinated there in a car bomb attack.

"You have Druse emissaries coming along and suggesting one day that the Israelis conclude an agreement with them, and the next day that the U.S. concludes an agreement with them," *The Post* was told, "but our reply is that you live in Lebanon and you must make an agreement which you and the government can both live with."

WHAT IS the U.S. administration's present formula for coping with the Syrian rejection of the Israel-Lebanese agreement? Not to ditch it, of course, since the administration was itself a partner to it.

The formula is simple enough, though it does not sound very appropriate to the Arab mentality: persuade Syria to ignore Israel's agreement with Lebanon and go ahead to conclude one of its own, *The Post* was told.

ANY CONVERSATION in depth with American sources about Lebanon poses the question: how deep has the U.S. administration got in and how much deeper is it ready to go?

According to one knowledgeable Israeli official, American instructors have more or less taken over Lebanese Army training, so the

eventual effectiveness of the Lebanese Army will serve as good or bad advertising for the United States. For that reason, the U.S. administration would prefer to see the Lebanese Army tested as little as possible and as late as possible.

Meanwhile, American money is going to help President Amin Jemayel, as well as American arms manufacturers, albeit not in vast amounts. The Sixth Fleet has been hovering off the coast since last year, like an anxious mother hen protecting her chicks, something which neither Israel nor Lebanon would complain about.

In addition, most of the senior officials and advisers surrounding Jemayel are American-oriented and American-trained. They hearken very attentively to American advice, the knowledgeable Israeli official told me.

Despite all this, one can assume the U.S. administration realizes that Lebanon could collapse like a house of cards since Ariel Sharon put the Jemayel clan into that house of cards last year. Although the U.S. stole a march on the Soviet Union because of Sharon's adventure, the march could easily turn out — for the U.S. — to have been over quicksand.

Hence, the U.S. administration, which has learnt elsewhere in the world how to cut its losses, has maintained a relatively low profile in Lebanon and has staked its prestige a lot less than Israeli leaders like to claim.

U.S. officials never liked the Jemayel clan before June 1982 and tried in vain to block the path of the late Bashir Jemayel to the presidency. They are prepared to do their best for Amin Jemayel now that Israel has left them saddled with him.

The U.S. administration, uncertain about Amin Jemayel's prospects, realizes that for Lebanon to have a Phalange president is a reversal of that country's historical process, or at least a halt to it. Unlike Ariel Sharon, the U.S. administration understands that it is harder to keep a president in power with guns than it is to put him in power.

Which explains the American effort to beseech everyone not to make waves.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS "ONE WHO saves a single life ... it is as if he has saved the whole world," says Ilana Feldman of Haifa, quoting the Talmud. Feldman has just planted a tree in Yad Vashem's Avenue of Righteous Gentiles in the name of Marja Klepacka, a Polish woman to whom she and a number of other Israelis owe their lives.

Klepacka hid them in her home during the Holocaust, and took Ilana, who was a small girl at the time, to a nearby convent in Cracow when the neighbours became suspicious. Klepacka was recognized as a Righteous Among Nations in 1972 and was presented with a Yad Vashem Medal in Warsaw in 1979. But it is her knowledge that a tree grows in her name in the Judean Mountains that gives her most satisfaction. A.Z.

PS DR. ALEXANDER TEMKIN of the faculty of engineering at Tel Aviv University has declined an invitation to attend the 12th international bot-atom chemistry symposium in Balatonfured, Hungary, in September. Temkin's daughter Marina was kidnapped in Moscow in 1973 at the age of 13, and since then he has been unable to contact her. Temkin says that Marina is

prevented from receiving phone calls or letters from her family and is being brainwashed — all because he was active in the Soviet aliyah movement before he settled here. Since official Hungarian bodies have never protested against this treatment of Marina and other Soviet Jews, Temkin has turned down the invitation as a symbolic protest. J.S.I.

PS SOMEBODY should have his head examined. — A 20-year-old French housewife has discovered that a violent headache she suffered for 10 days was caused by a 22-mm bullet fired at her by her husband while she was asleep.

Evelyn Muxart, from Saint-Etienne near Lyons, recently woke up in the middle of the night and found a trace of blood in her hair. She got up, washed her hair and went back to bed with her husband.

Next day she developed a violent, persistent headache and 10 days later went into hospital. X-rays showed an object in her skull and surgeons extracted a 22-mm bullet.

Police say the husband has been charged with attempted murder. They said he had been out of work for a long time and decided to commit suicide after killing his wife.

READERS' LETTERS

AGENCY DISPLAY WINDOWS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — While stories of waste at the Jewish Agency may no longer be considered news, the physical appearance of the Agency building in New York City merits mention.

Situated on one of the choicest spots of Manhattan real estate, with many thousands of pedestrians passing by every day, the Jewish Agency has allowed its nine street-level display windows to go unchanged for several years. The window displays, which feature nine worthwhile Zionist institutions (United Jewish Appeal, Herzl Press, *Midstream* magazine, American Zionist Youth Foundation, Dept. of Education and Culture, Weizmann Institute, Herzl Institute, Tora Dept., and Israel Aliya Centre), are filthy, with display materials cracked and yellowed. It is worth noting that most shopkeepers in the vicinity change their store windows every week or two.

If our Zionist leadership can be so publicly casual about the waste of such a valuable opinion-making asset, one can only wonder as to the wasted opportunities and greater inefficiencies which must be going on inside the building. SETH M. SIEGEL New York.

FATHER OF MODERN HEBREW

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — How sad that in 1983, an Israeli newspaper publishes a report about the desecration of the grave of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda (June 30) and identifies him as "the lexicographer known as the reviver of the Hebrew language."

Surely, if your pool writer was not familiar with the name, he could have borrowed the first paragraph from the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* (volume 4, page 564): "Hebrew writer and lexicographer, generally considered the father of modern Hebrew, and one of the first active Zionist leaders..."

Indeed, the complete lack of recognition of the role of Ben-Yehuda in the revival of Jewish nationalism in the ancient homeland is a very sad gap in the history of our return to and reclamation of Eretz Yisrael. E. BEN-YEHUDA Wheaton, Illinois.

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